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PREVIOUSLY:

Wakanda’s transition from monarchy to parliamentary democracy has not been a smooth one. When the murder of **T’Challa**’s childhood best friend, **Jhai**, forced him to reveal that Jhai had been part of a network of sleeper agents that T’Challa had embedded all across the globe, the new Wakandan government became painfully aware that their king was a man of many secrets. And he did not trust anyone but himself and his own plans to keep Wakanda safe.

Eventually, the distrust between T’Challa and the new parliament led Wakanda to the brink of civil war as T’Challa’s former comrade **Akili** used the chaos to stage a military coup. Despite his disagreements with **Prime Minister Folasade**, T’Challa confronted Akili and helped restore the parliamentary democracy’s power. But the damage was done: For a stable Wakanda, T’Challa had no choice but to go into exile from his homeland.

Black Panther then returned to his role as chairperson of the **Avengers**, and together, they warded off an intergalactic threat known as the **Colonialist**. But T’Challa’s shoulder is badly injured from the fight. And so too is his spirit, still reeling from the losses of Jhai and Akili...

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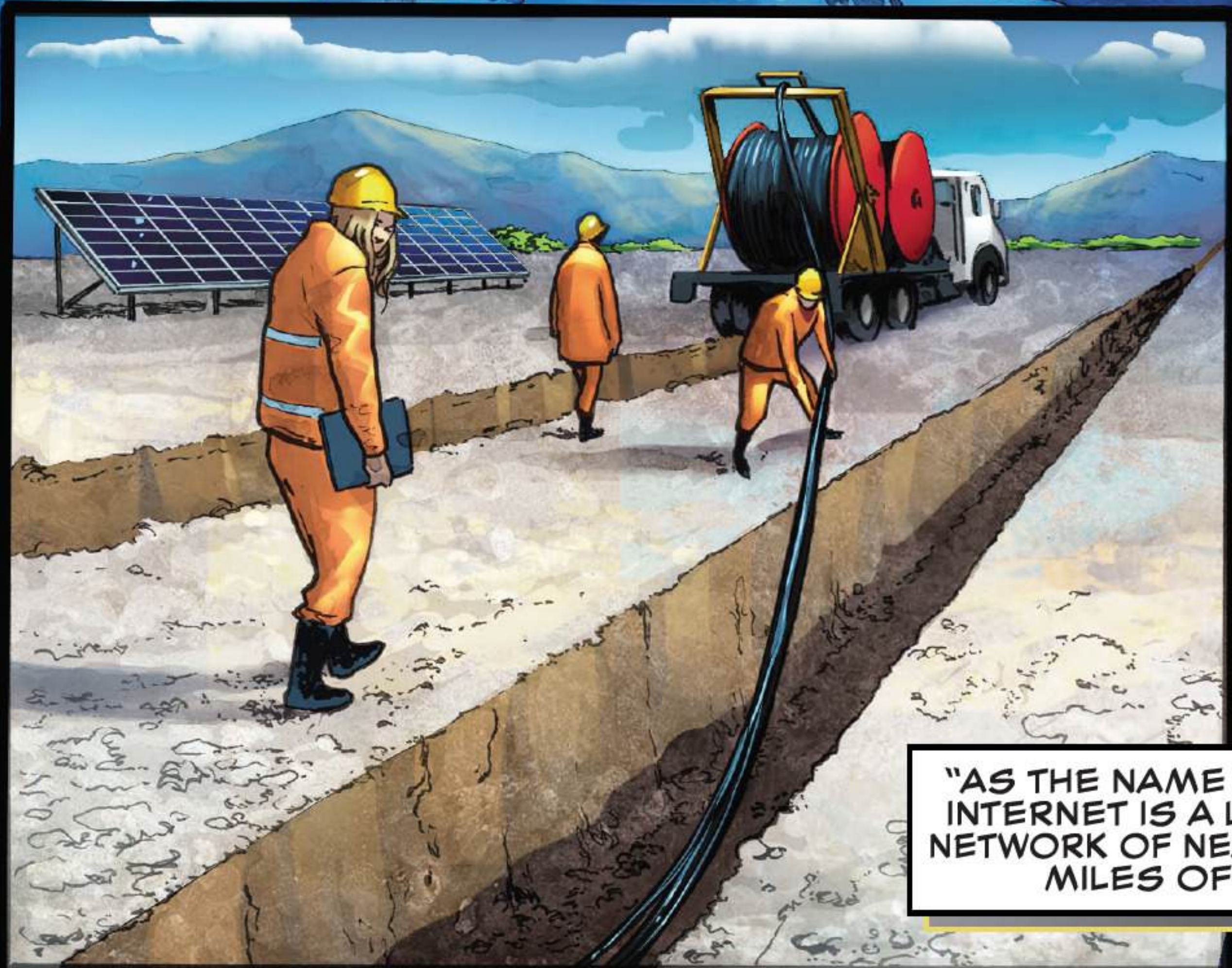
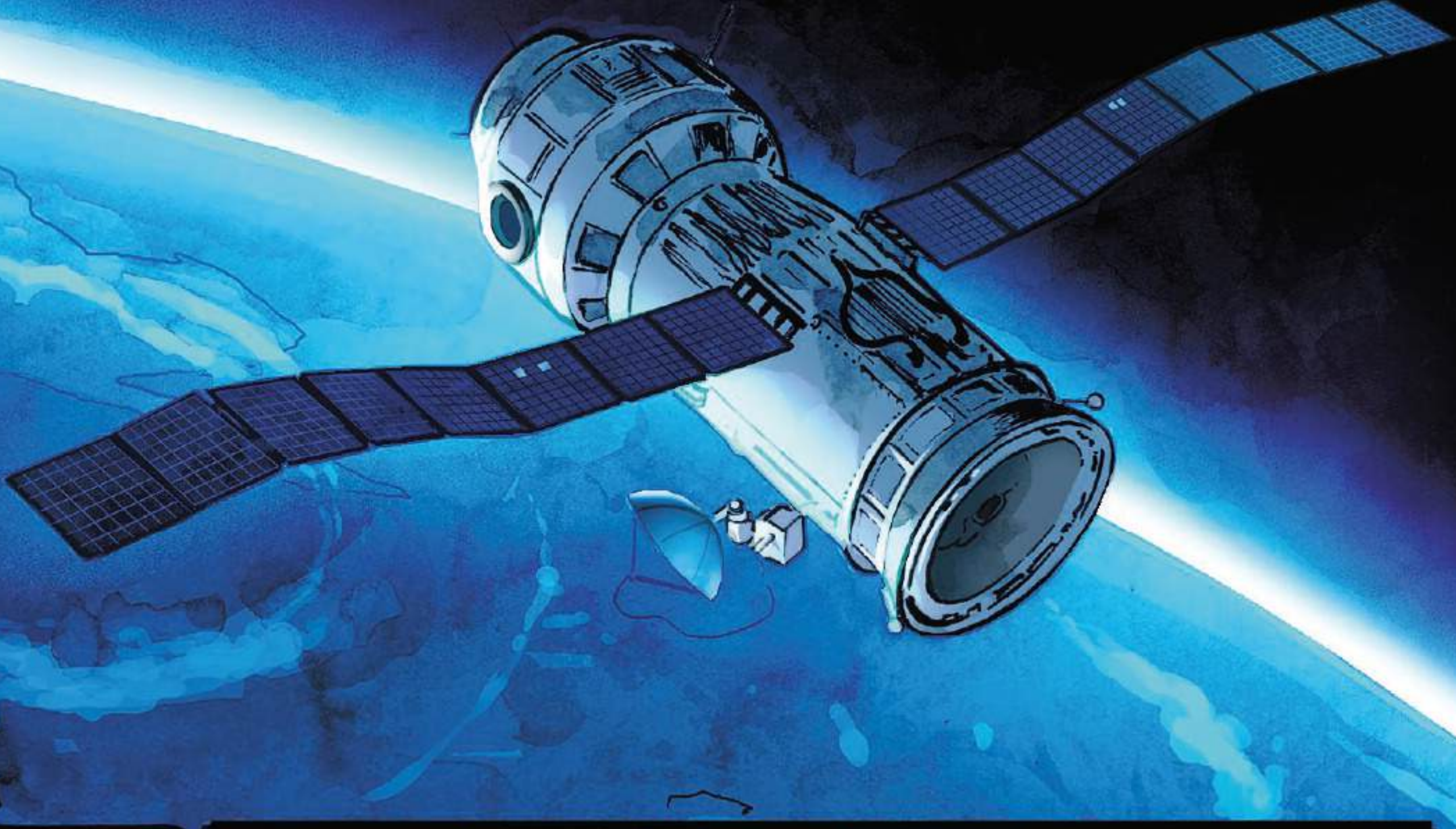
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"SOME BACKGROUND FOR YOUR BRIEFING, SIR. THERE ARE CURRENTLY ALMOST TWO THOUSAND COMMUNICATION SATELLITES CIRCLING THE PLANET.

"HOWEVER, ONLY ONE PERCENT OF INTERNET DATA IS TRAFFICKED THROUGH SATELLITE TRANSMISSION.



"AS THE NAME IMPLIES, THE INTERNET IS A LAND-BASED NETWORK OF NEARLY 550,000 MILES OF CABLE.



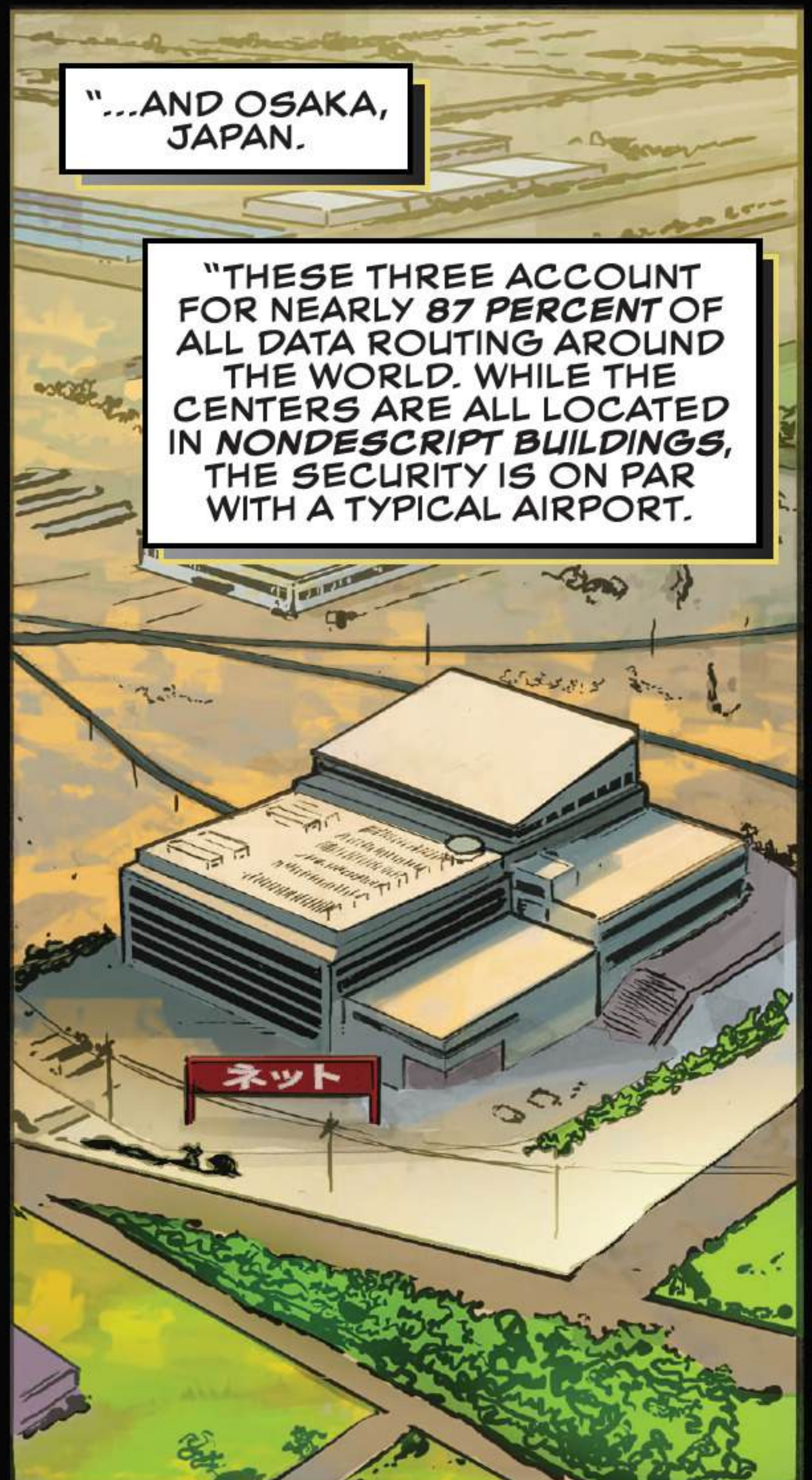
"THE MAJORITY OF INTERNET INFORMATION IS ROUTED THROUGH MASSIVE DATA CENTERS.



"AMONG THE LARGEST ARE THE CENTERS IN RENO TAHOE, NEVADA...

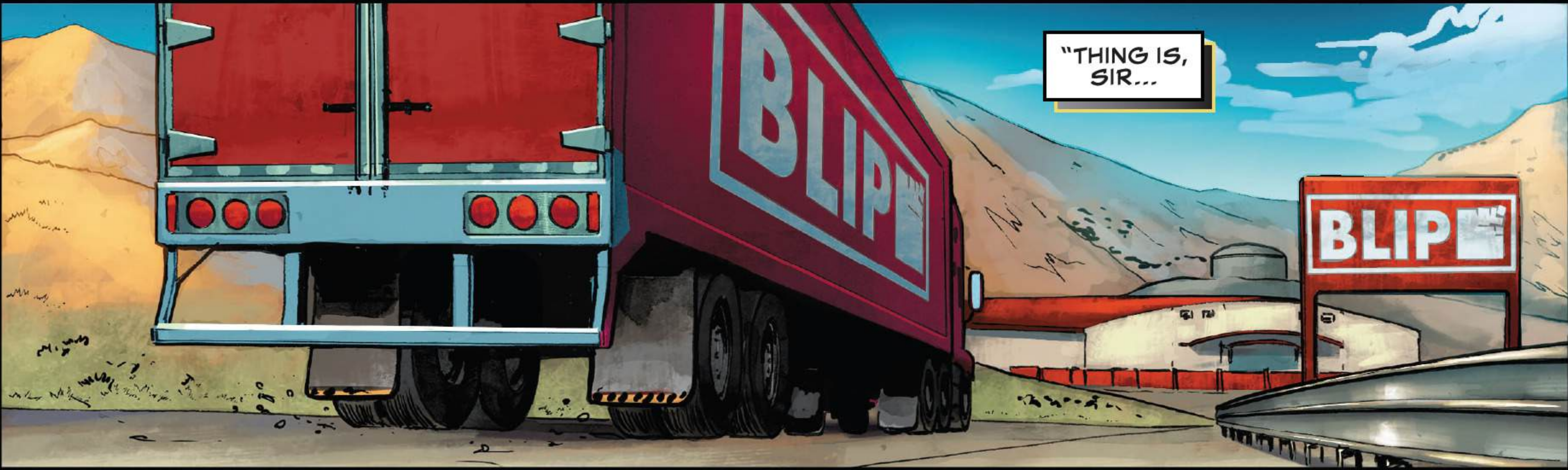


"...WALES, U.K....



"...AND OSAKA, JAPAN.

"THESE THREE ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY 87 PERCENT OF ALL DATA ROUTING AROUND THE WORLD. WHILE THE CENTERS ARE ALL LOCATED IN NONDESCRIPT BUILDINGS, THE SECURITY IS ON PAR WITH A TYPICAL AIRPORT.

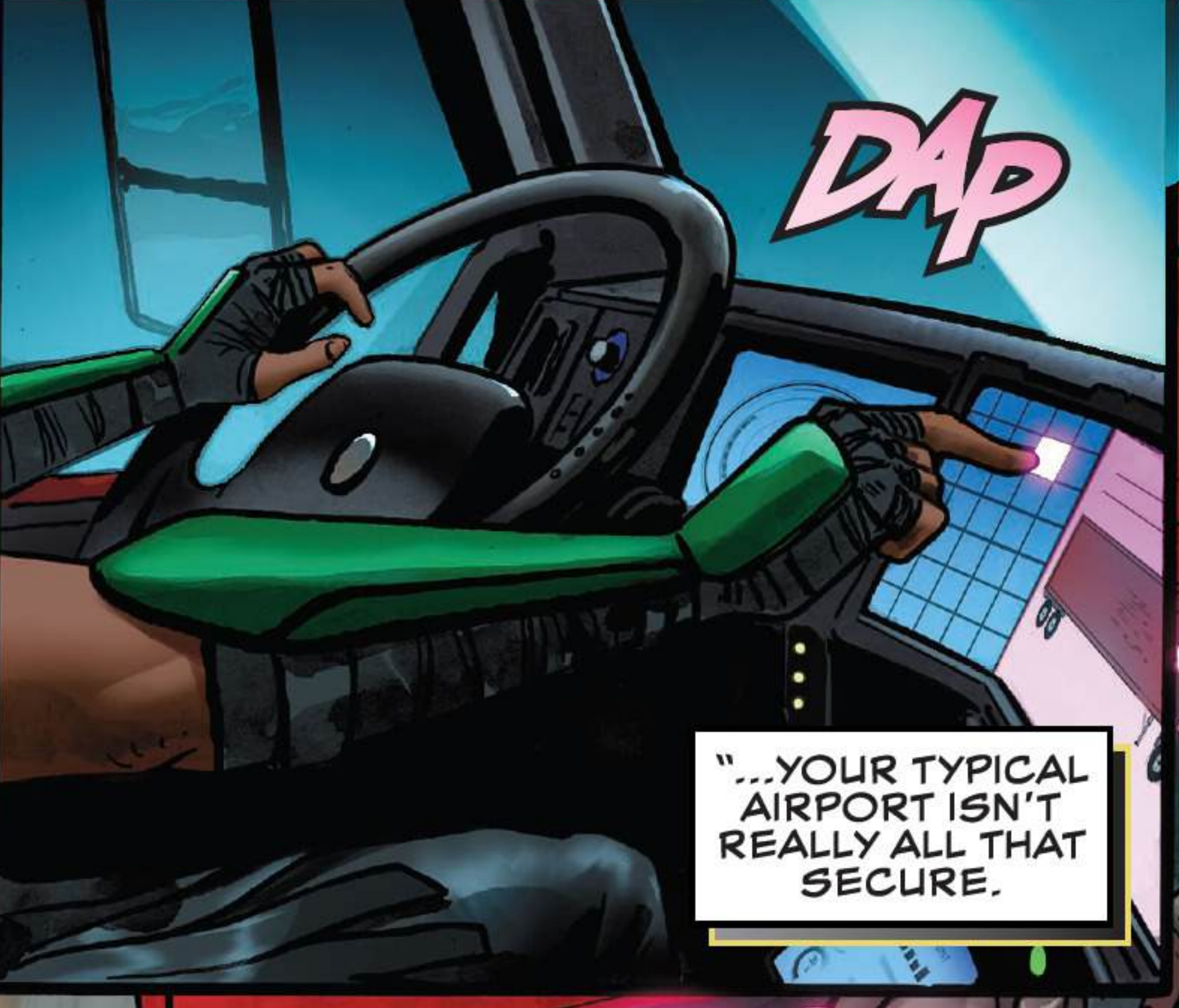


"THING IS,
SIR..."



WHERE THE
HELL DOES HE
THINK HE'S...?

HEY...YOU
CAN'T PARK
HERE!



"...YOUR TYPICAL
AIRPORT ISN'T
REALLY ALL THAT
SECURE."



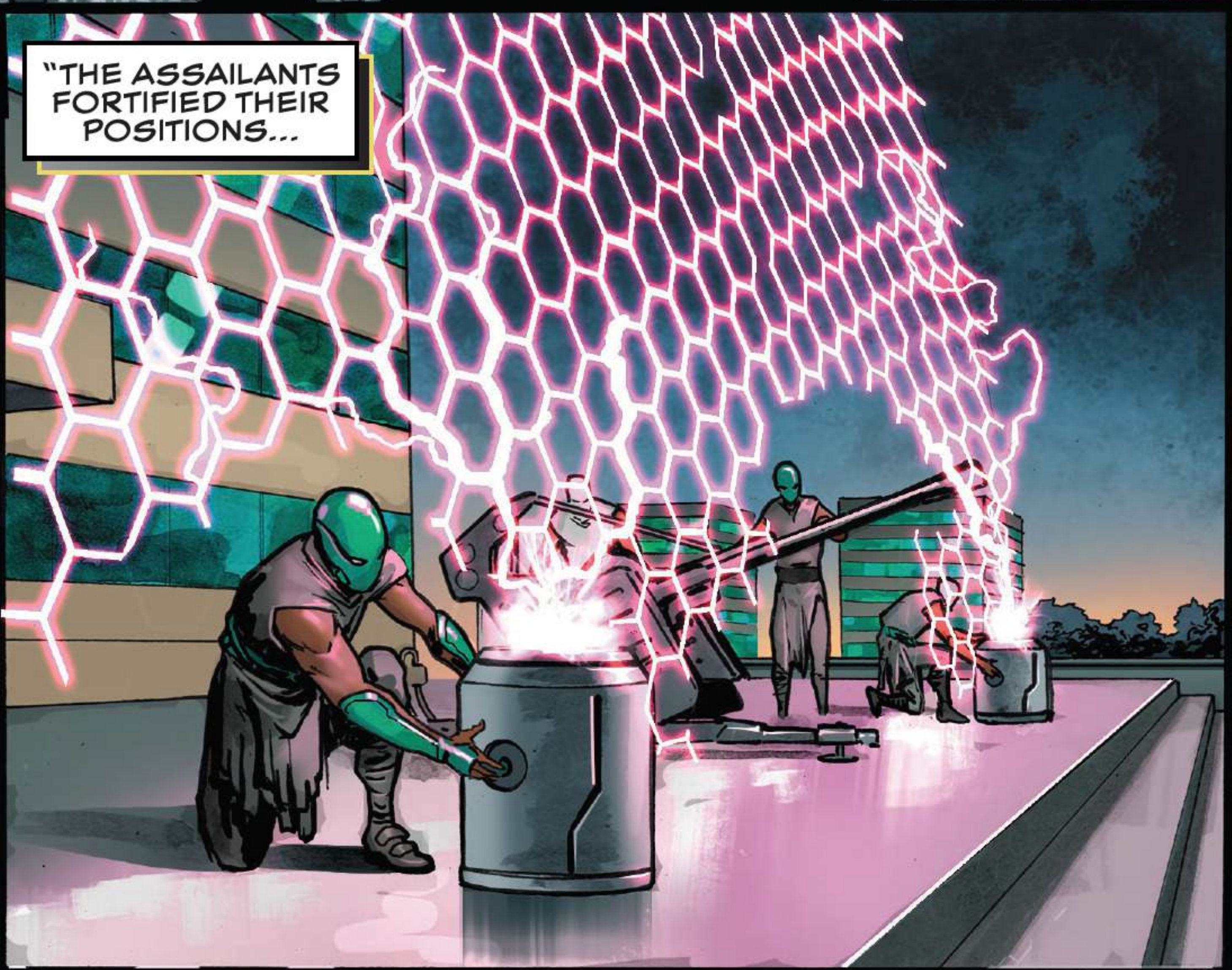
...OH
%\$#@.



"THE ATTACKS ON ALL THREE CENTERS WERE SIMULTANEOUS AND WELL COORDINATED, BUT LARGELY BLOODLESS."



"NO HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN. ALL PERSONNEL WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE FACILITIES."



"THE ASSAILANTS FORTIFIED THEIR POSITIONS..."



"...AND THEN THEY SENT A MESSAGE TO THE WORLD."



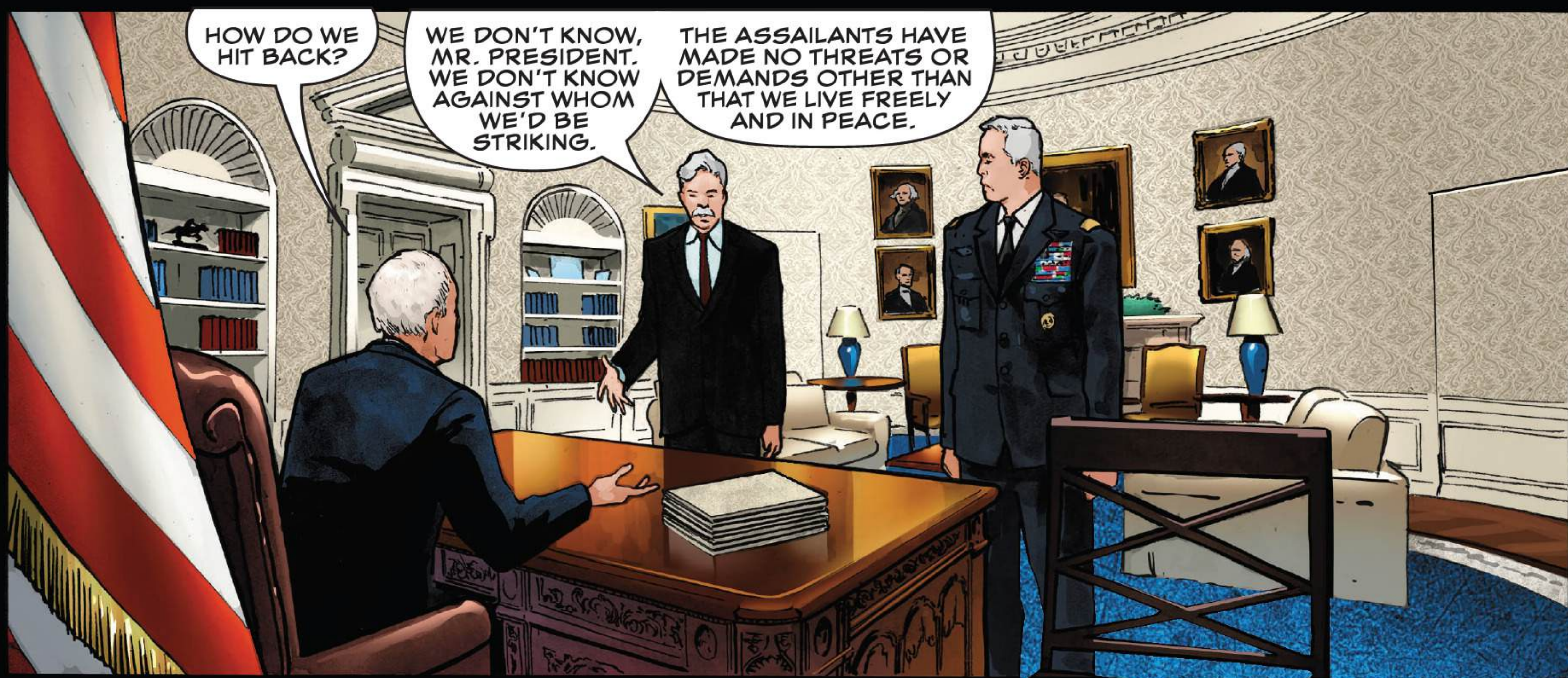


OR ELSE
WHAT?



WE DON'T KNOW.
BUT WITH CONTROL OF
THOSE DATA CENTERS...
THEY CONTROL THE FLOW
OF DATA FOR EVERY
ASPECT OF THE PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE
SECTORS.

BANKING,
COMMUNICATION,
EDUCATION, DEFENSE...
WHOEVER CONTROLS
THE INTERNET
CONTROLS THE
WORLD.



HOW DO WE
HIT BACK?

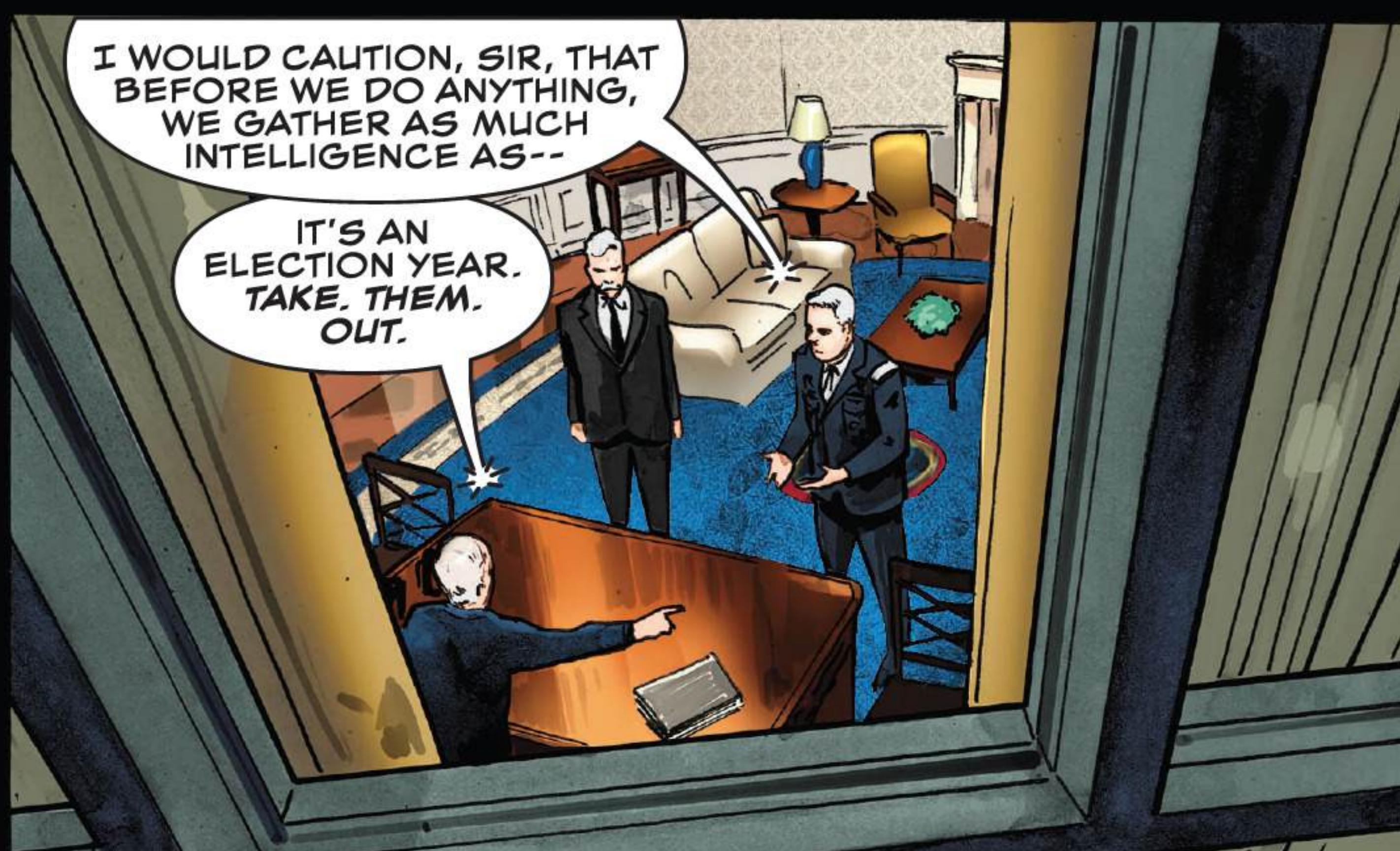
WE DON'T KNOW,
MR. PRESIDENT.
WE DON'T KNOW
AGAINST WHOM
WE'D BE
STRIKING.

THE ASSAILANTS HAVE
MADE NO THREATS OR
DEMANDS OTHER THAN
THAT WE LIVE FREELY
AND IN PEACE.



THIS IS THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. NOBODY
TELLS US TO LIVE
FREELY AND IN
PEACE.

I WANT
THESE PEOPLE
TAKEN OUT.

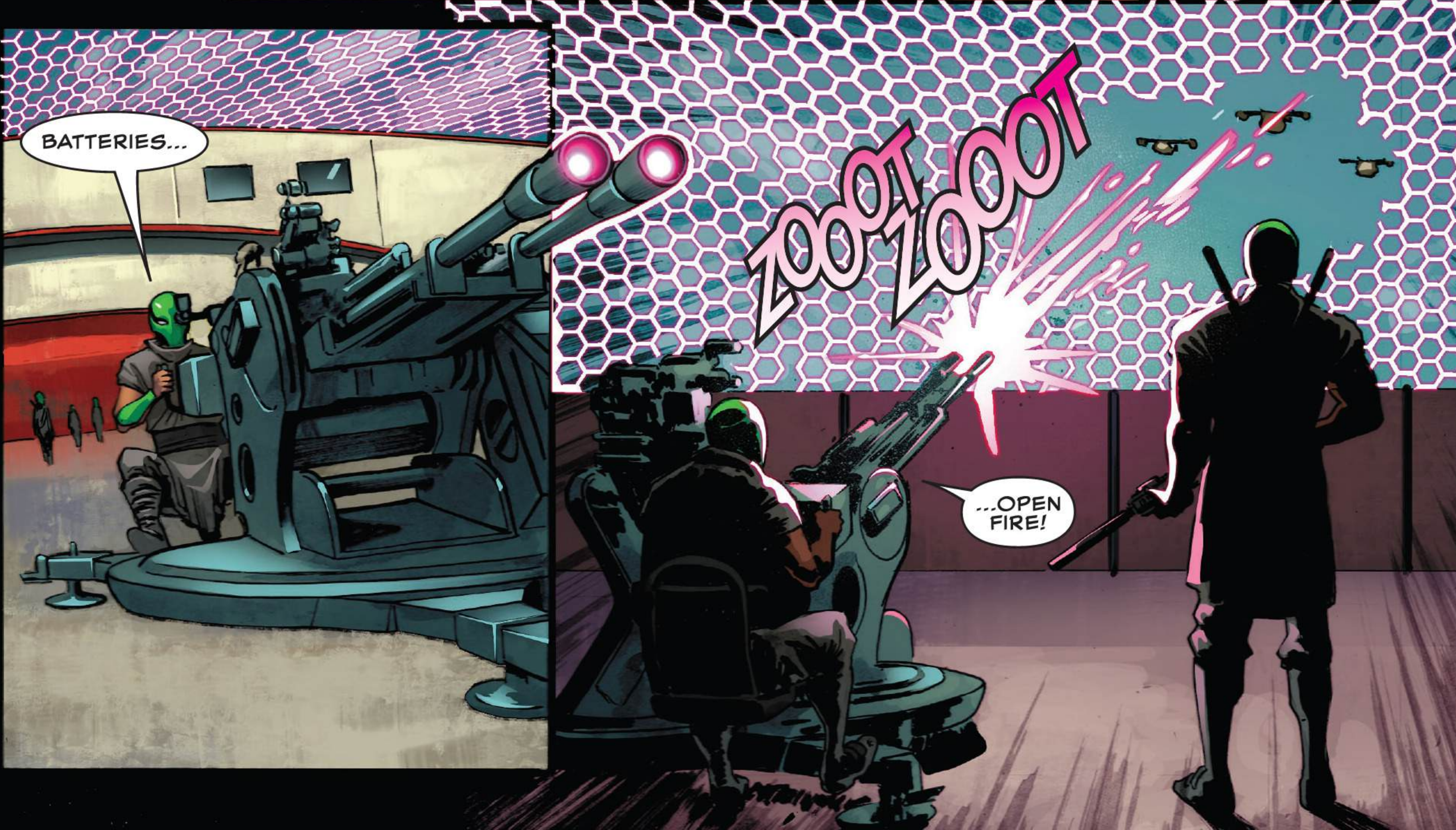


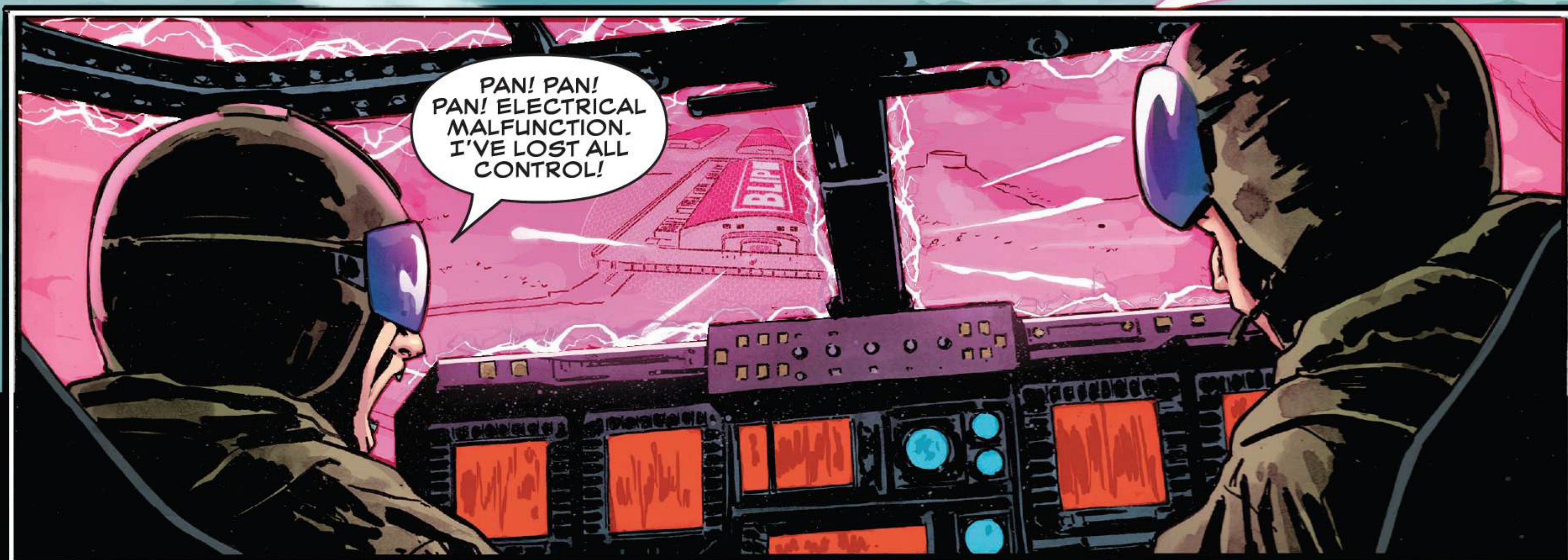
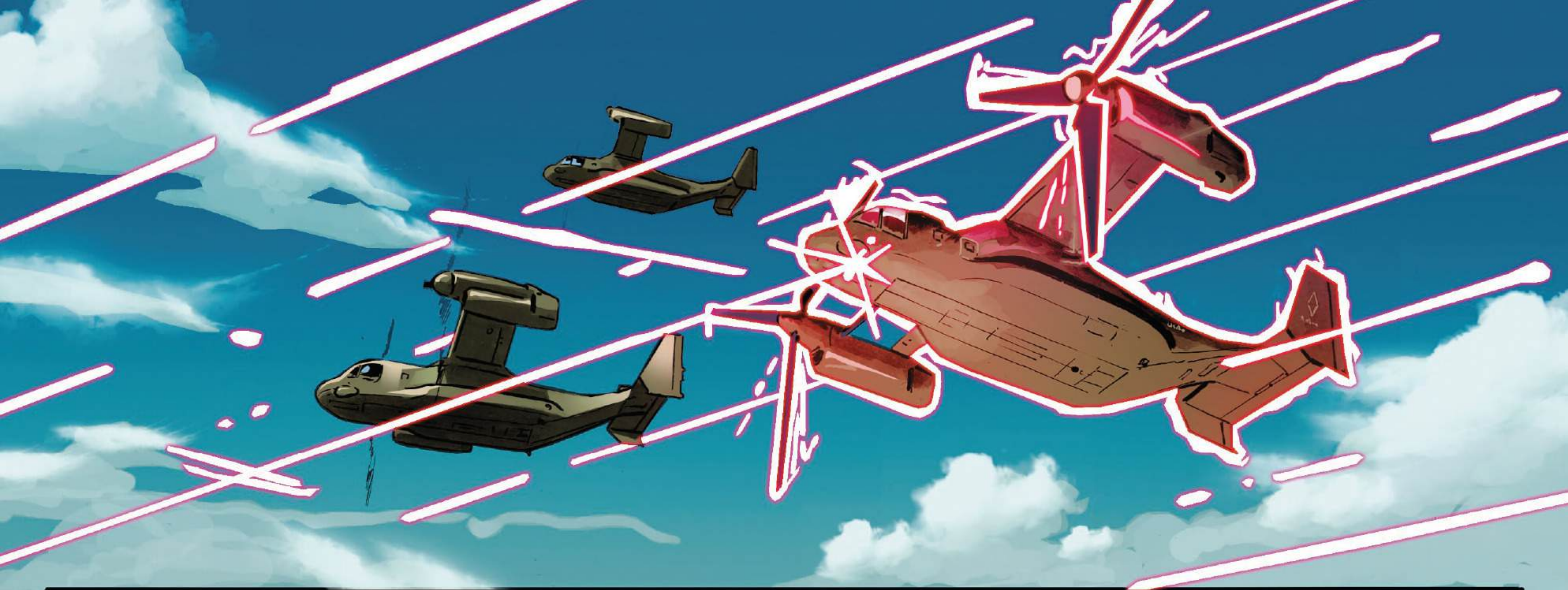
I WOULD CAUTION, SIR, THAT
BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING,
WE GATHER AS MUCH
INTELLIGENCE AS--

IT'S AN
ELECTION YEAR.
TAKE THEM
OUT.



WELL,
AT LEAST
THE ONES IN
NEVADA. THE
REST OF THE
WORLD IS ON
ITS OWN.





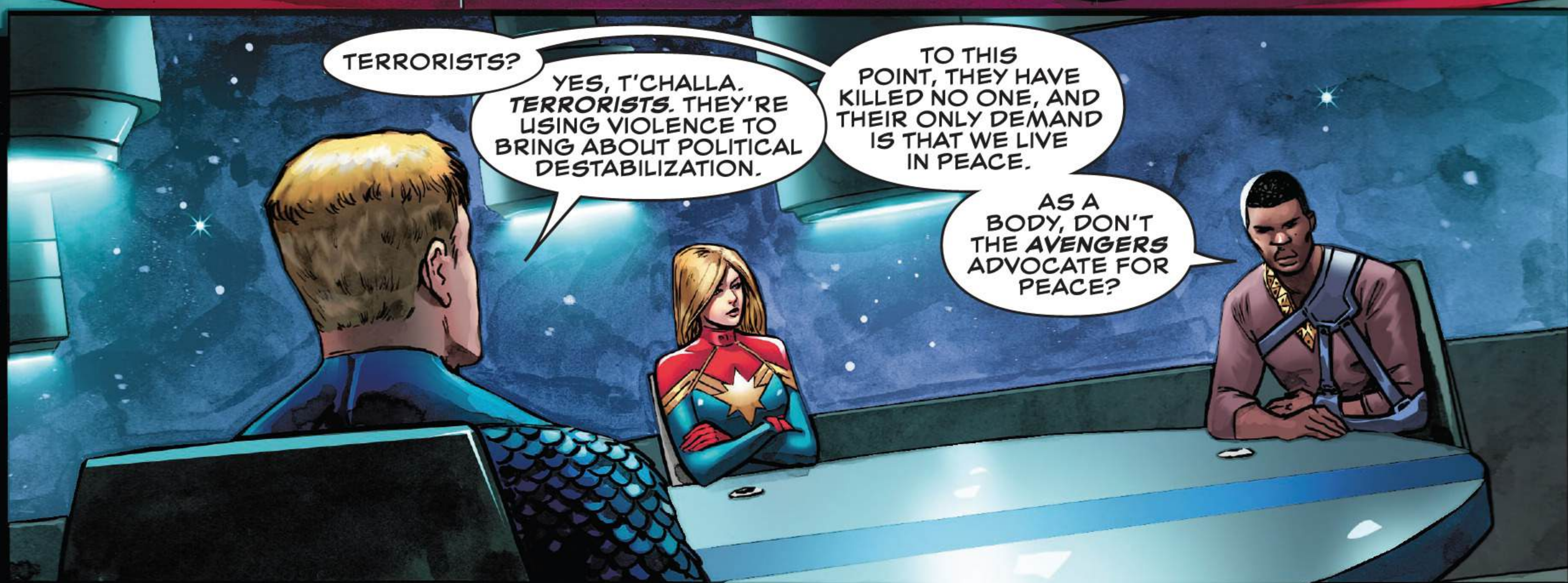


--THE ENTIRE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN? AND THE CONCERN IS WHAT? THERE WILL BE A CRIPPLING SHORTAGE OF CHEESE?

IT MAY SOUND FUNNY, CAROL, BUT THERE ARE HOSPITALS THAT CAN'T ACCESS PATIENT RECORDS. PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET MONEY OUT OF THE BANK. AIRPORTS THAT CAN'T FUNCTION...

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THE AVENGERS TO INTERVENE AND STOP THESE TERRORISTS BEFORE THEY--



TERRORISTS?

YES, T'CHALLA. **TERRORISTS**. THEY'RE USING VIOLENCE TO BRING ABOUT POLITICAL DESTABILIZATION.

TO THIS POINT, THEY HAVE KILLED NO ONE, AND THEIR ONLY DEMAND IS THAT WE LIVE IN PEACE.

AS A BODY, DON'T THE AVENGERS ADVOCATE FOR PEACE?



ADVOCATING FOR AND INSISTING ON ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

BUT THE RESULT IS THE SAME.

THE RESULT IS THE LOSS OF FREE WILL. PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO MAKE BAD DECISIONS.

EVEN WHEN THOSE BAD DECISIONS AFFECT THE INNOCENT?

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE A--



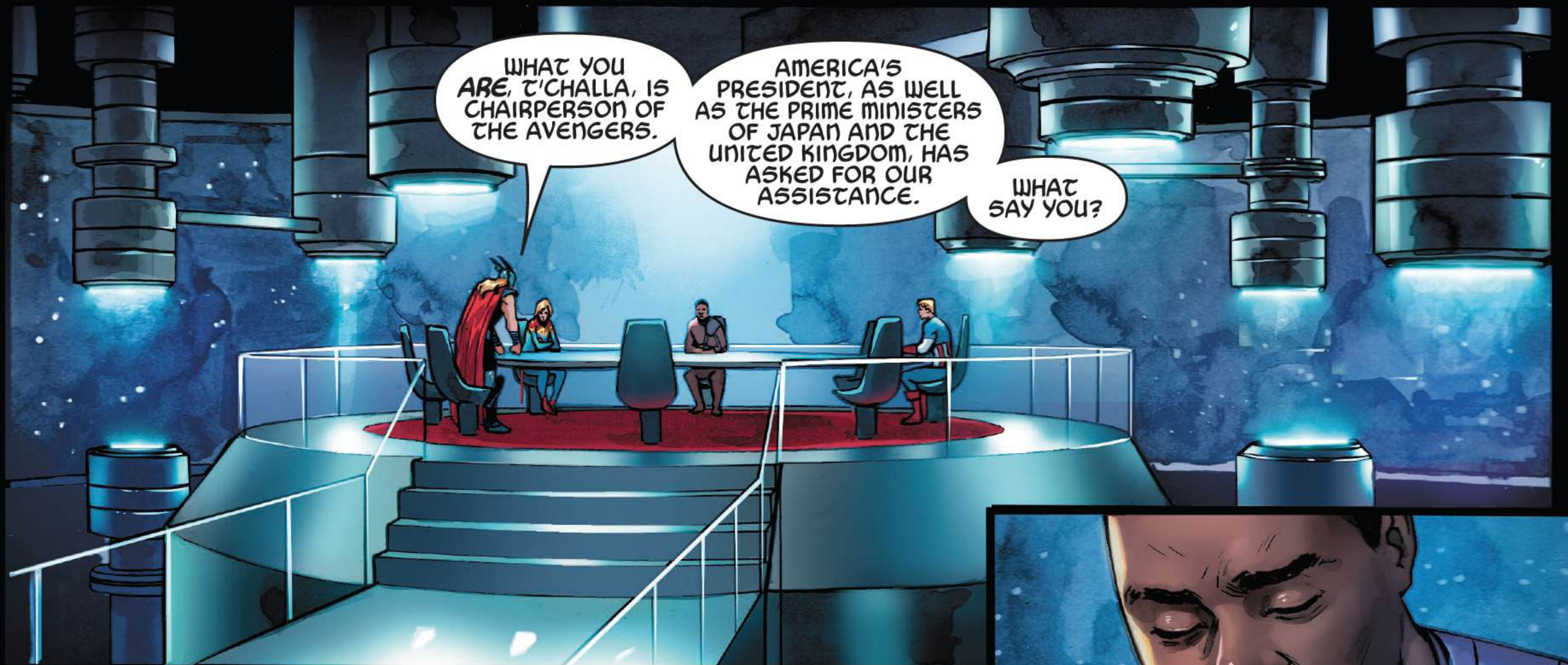
I'M A WHAT? A "TERRORIST"?



I WAS GOING TO SAY KING.



BUT I'M NOT A KING, STEVEN. NOT ANYMORE.





"WE HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE UPDATE, MR. PRESIDENT. THE AVENGERS MADE A DIRECT ASSAULT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS, EACH TAKING A DIFFERENT TARGET. CAPTAIN AMERICA, OSAKA."



"CAPTAIN MARVEL TOOK RENO TAHOE."



"THOR, THE U.K."



"BUT SOMEHOW THE ASSAILANTS WERE PREPARED FOR ANY AND ALL TACTICS."



"DIDN'T MATTER WHAT THE AVENGERS THREW AT THEM."



"DIDN'T MATTER HOW HARD THEY FOUGHT."



"THE TERRORISTS
KNEW HOW TO
COUNTER."

UHHHH...



DNNHH...

VROOM



AHHHH...

ZZZZTTT



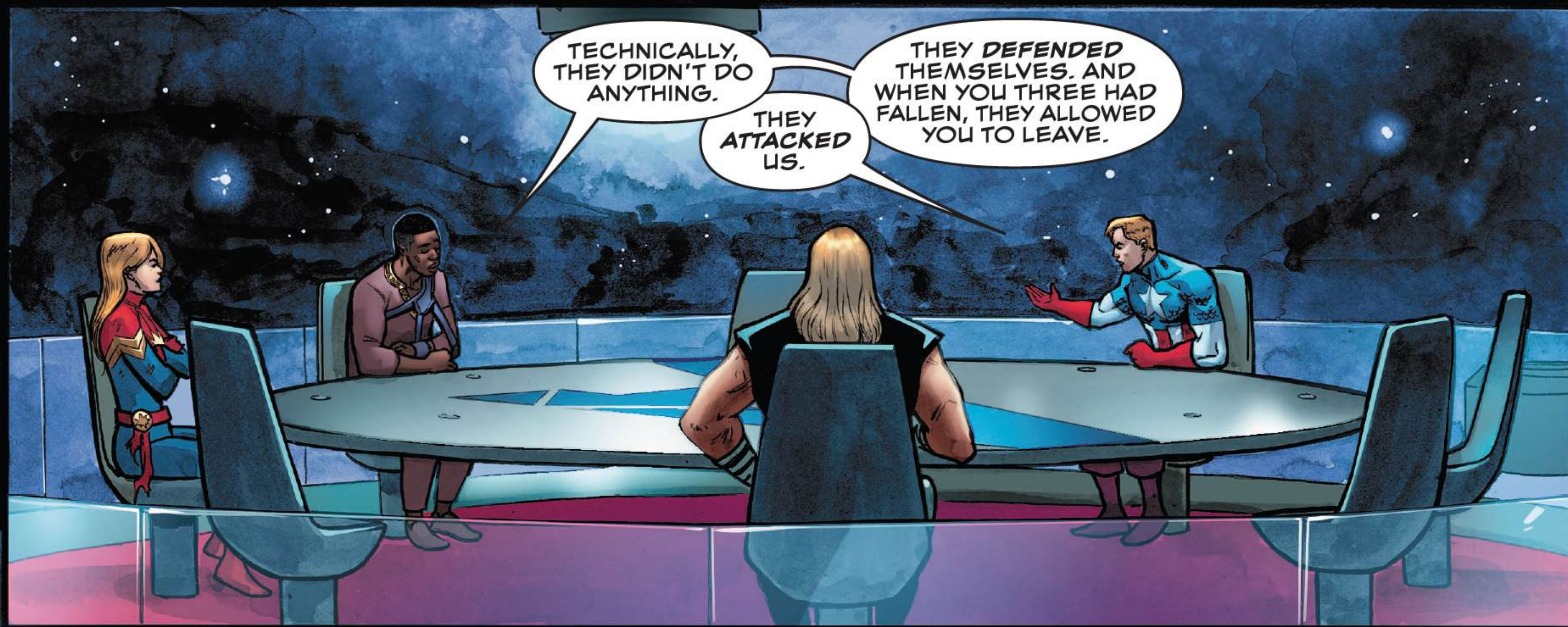
...GOD...
THEY'VE DEFEATED
THE AVENGERS.

IT'S
OVER.

"I WILL TELL YOU
RIGHT NOW THAT THIS
IS NOT OVER."



THEY ARE GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID!



TECHNICALLY, THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

THEY ATTACKED US.

THEY *DEFENDED* THEMSELVES. AND WHEN YOU THREE HAD FALLEN, THEY ALLOWED YOU TO LEAVE.



"ALLOWED"...? THEY'RE TERRORISTS. YOU'RE GIVING THEM MORAL AUTHORITY?

I'M TRYING TO CONTEXTUALIZE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST: AN **ABSOLUTE POWER** THAT BELIEVES IN PEACE.

AND USES **FORCE** TO ACHIEVE IT. THEY *SOMEHOW* FIGURED OUT A WAY TO STOP THE AVENGERS, AND YOU'RE COMING ACROSS AS REAL SYMPATHETIC TO THEM.



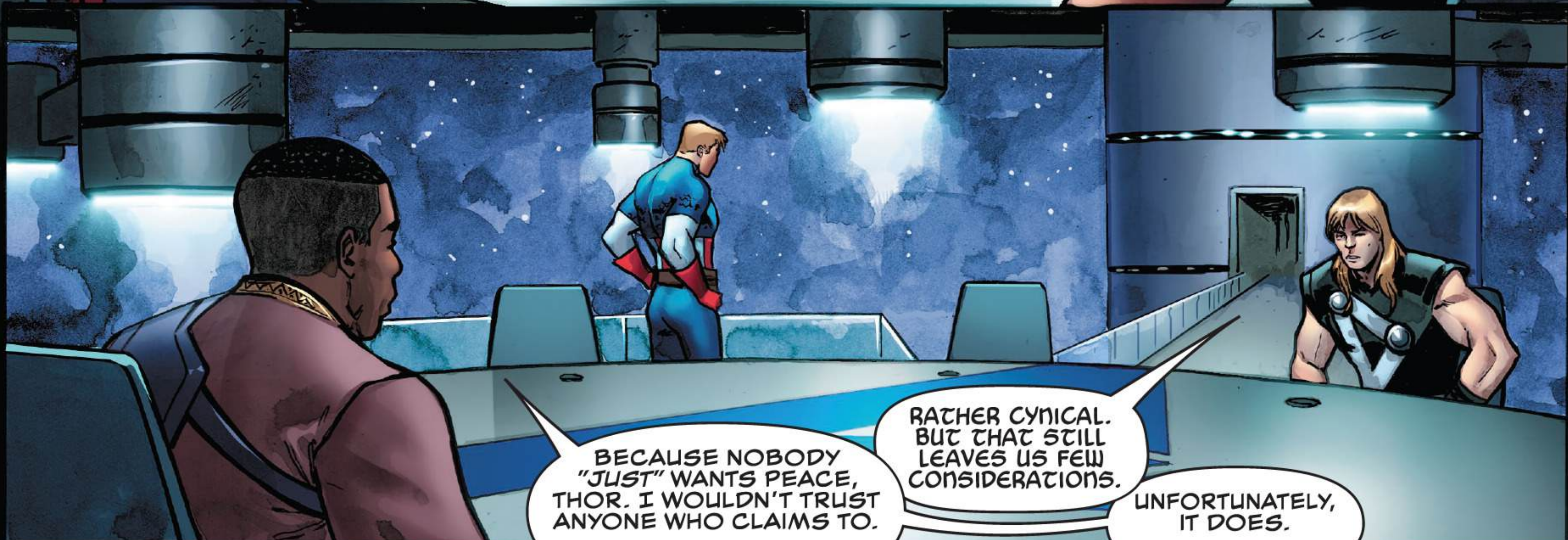
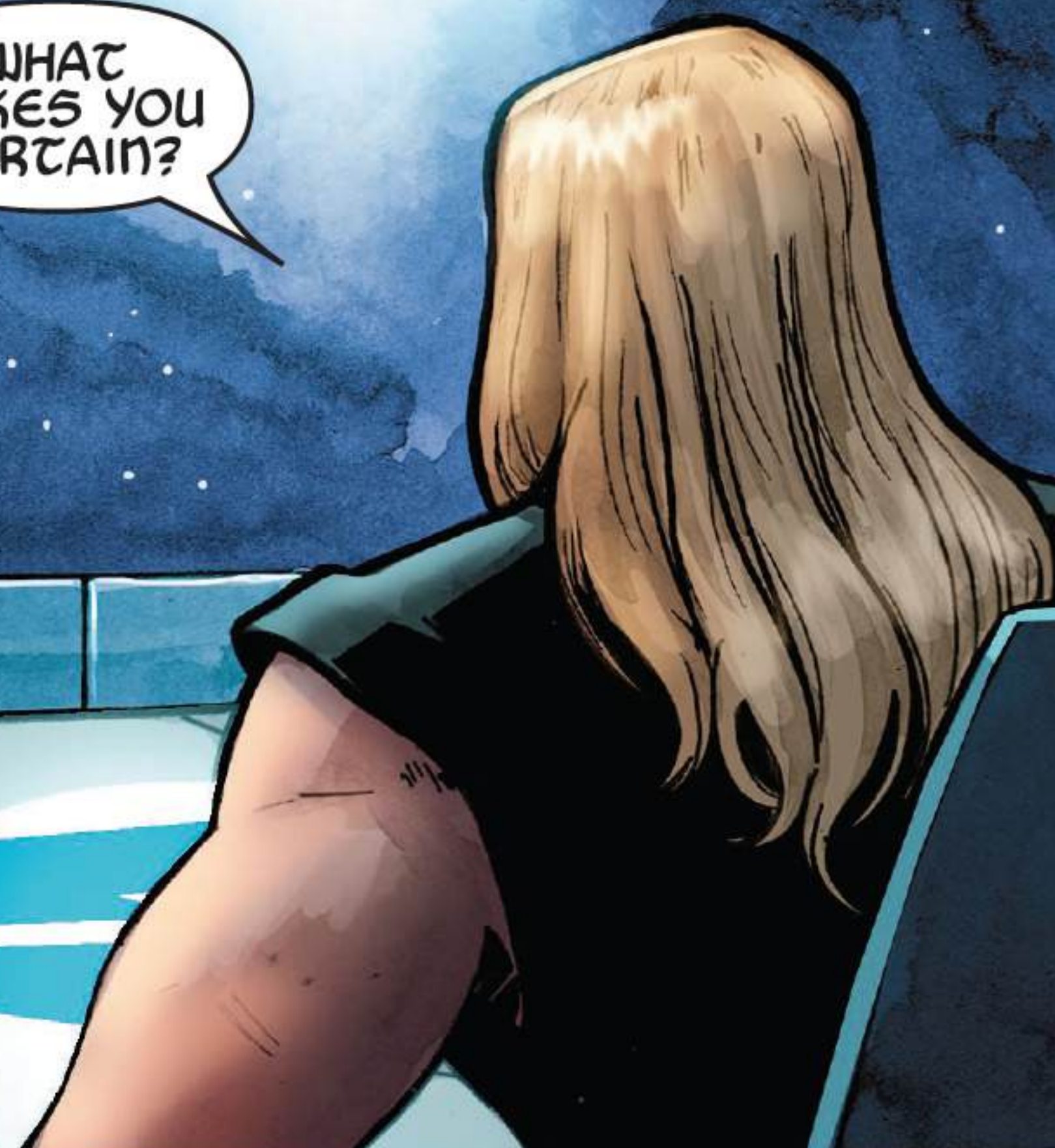
AS THE KING OF... WHEN I *WAS* THE KING OF WAKANDA, I BELIEVED IN BEING A BENEVOLENT LEADER. I HAD LIMITATIONS. ALWAYS. AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THEM.

THESE PEOPLE... I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE TERRORISTS OR IDEALISTS, BUT THEY HAVE NEITHER MY *SYMPATHY* NOR MY *SANCTION*.

SO
WHAT DO WE
DO? I DON'T
LIKE FEELING
POWERLESS.

THERE'S
POWERLESSNESS,
AND THERE IS **PATIENCE**.
RIGHT NOW, WE NEED
PATIENCE. THIS ORGANIZATION
HAS AN AGENDA BEYOND
VAGUE IDEAS OF
INSTILLING "WORLD
PEACE."

WHAT
MAKES YOU
CERTAIN?



BECAUSE NOBODY
"JUST" WANTS PEACE,
THOR. I WOULDN'T TRUST
ANYONE WHO CLAIMS TO.

RATHER CYNICAL.
BUT THAT STILL
LEAVES US FEW
CONSIDERATIONS.

UNFORTUNATELY,
IT DOES.

UNTIL WE
CAN LEARN
MORE ABOUT THEIR
MOTIVATIONS AND HOW
WE CAN GET AROUND
THEIR COUNTER
DEFENSES...

...FOR THE
MOMENT, WE NEED
TO BE RESIGNED TO
DOING NOTHING, AS
UNPLEASANT AS IT
MIGHT FEEL.



YOU'RE RIGHT. IT DOES
FEEL UNPLEASANT. AND
I DON'T LIKE IT.

THIS ISN'T
ABOUT PERSONAL
FEELINGS. AS
CHAIRPERSON, I CAN'T
ORDER ANYONE BACK INTO
THE FIELD WITHOUT A
BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF WHAT WE'RE
DEALING WITH.

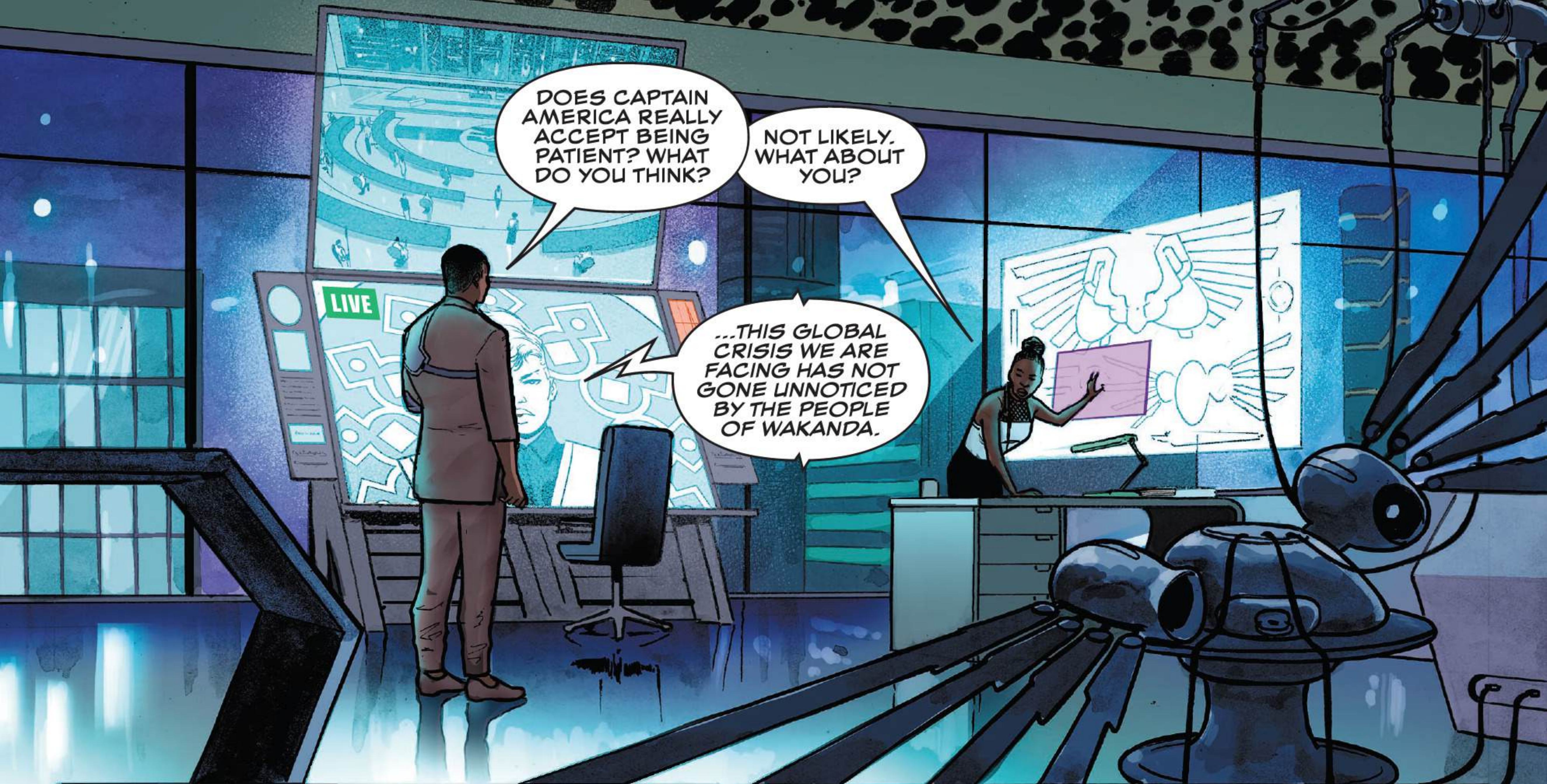
RIGHT NOW,
LIKE IT OR NOT,
YOU WILL STAND
DOWN. CLEAR?



...CLEAR...

"HE SAYS
HE GETS IT,
BUT DOES HE
MEAN IT?"





DOES CAPTAIN AMERICA REALLY ACCEPT BEING PATIENT? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NOT LIKELY. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

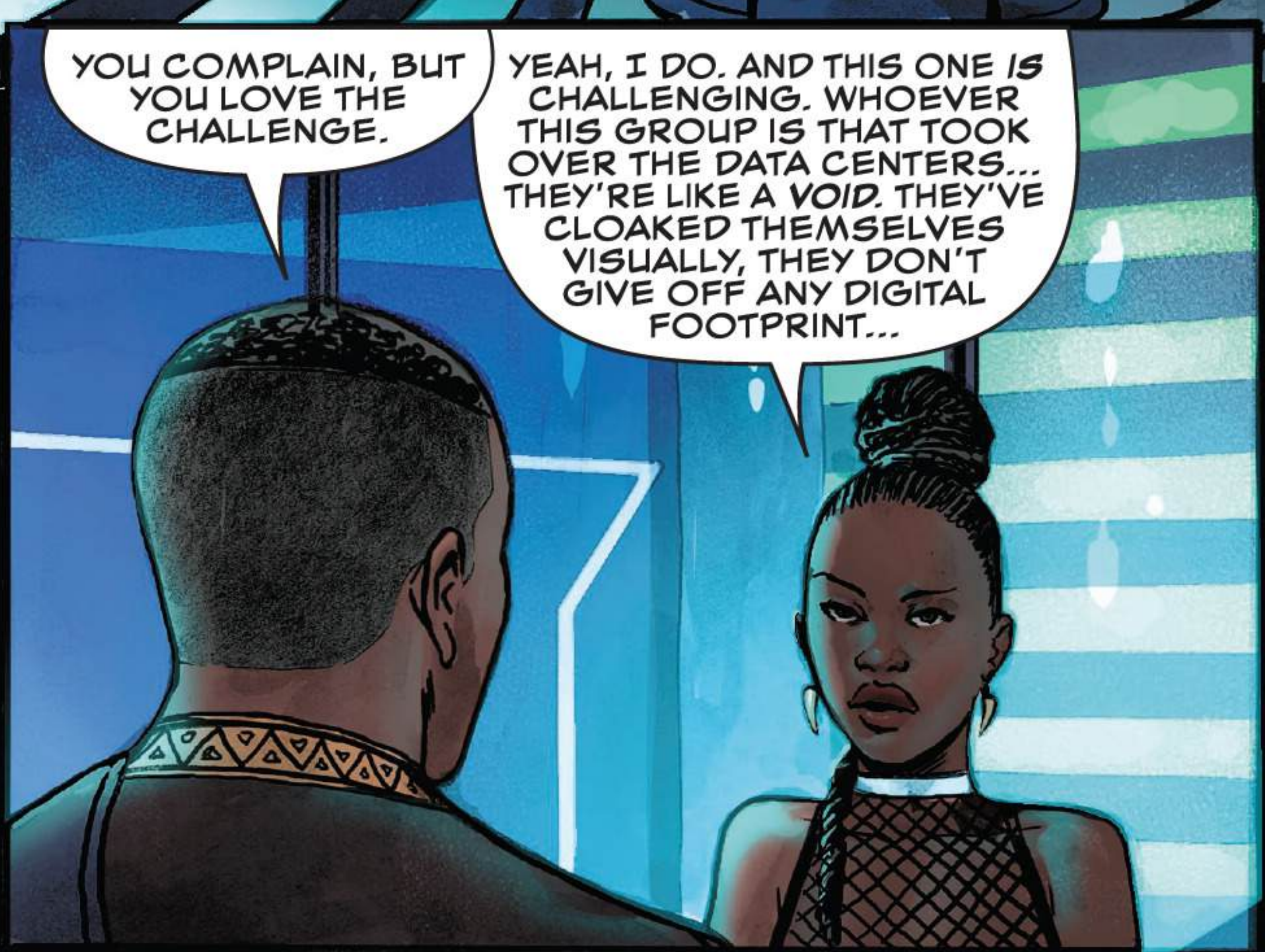
...THIS GLOBAL CRISIS WE ARE FACING HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA.



IF I WAS OKAY WITH BEING PATIENT, I WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOU FOR HELP, SHURI.

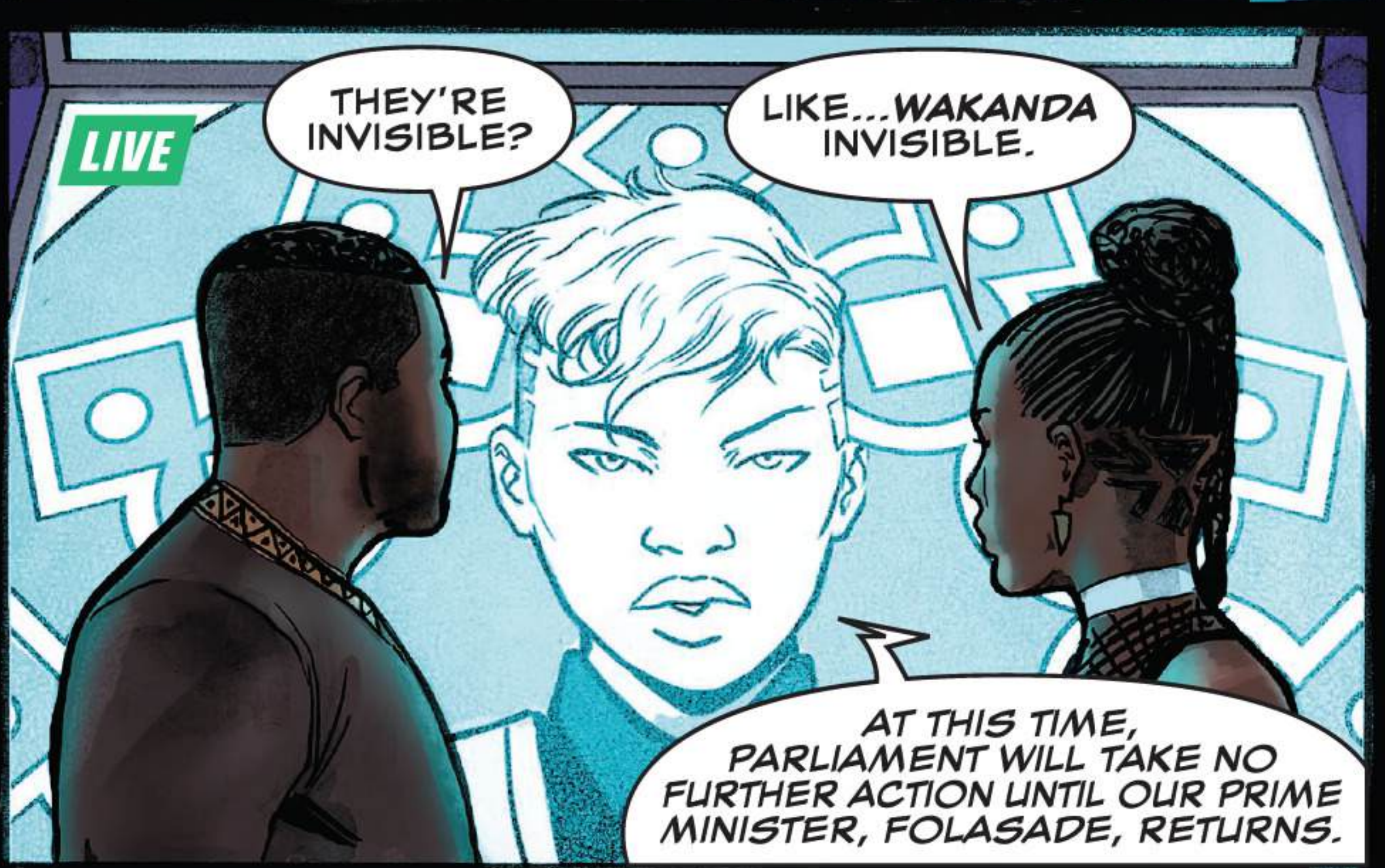
AS MUCH AS YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR MY HELP, I SHOULD BE ON THE PAYROLL.

THOUGH THE CRISIS DOES NOT AFFECT WAKANDA DIRECTLY, THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDERED THE SITUATION.



YOU COMPLAIN, BUT YOU LOVE THE CHALLENGE.

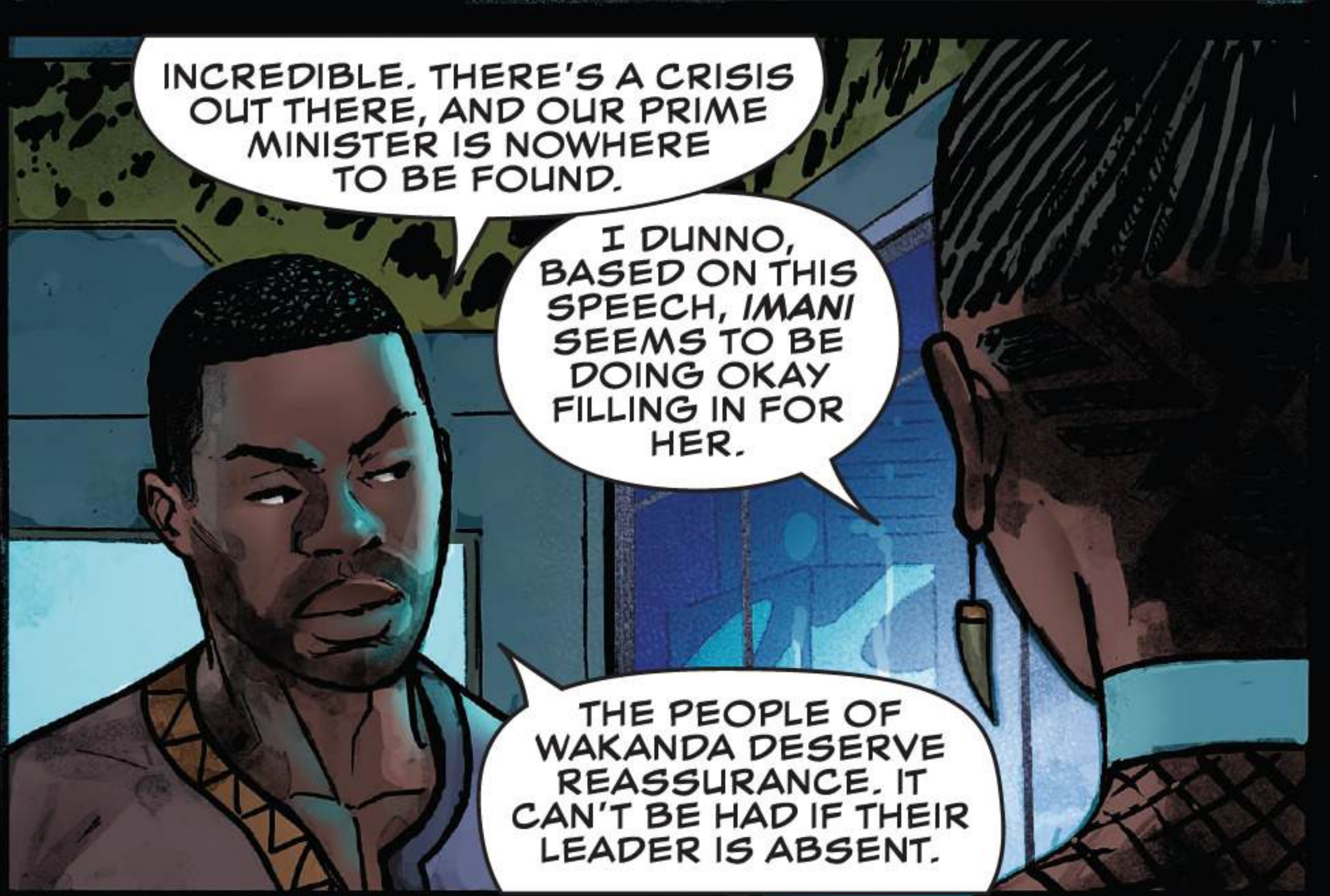
YEAH, I DO. AND THIS ONE IS CHALLENGING. WHOEVER THIS GROUP IS THAT TOOK OVER THE DATA CENTERS... THEY'RE LIKE A VOID. THEY'VE CLOAKED THEMSELVES VISUALLY, THEY DON'T GIVE OFF ANY DIGITAL FOOTPRINT...



THEY'RE INVISIBLE?

LIKE... WAKANDA INVISIBLE.

AT THIS TIME, PARLIAMENT WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL OUR PRIME MINISTER, FOLASADE, RETURNS.



INCREDIBLE. THERE'S A CRISIS OUT THERE, AND OUR PRIME MINISTER IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

I DUNNO, BASED ON THIS SPEECH, IMANI SEEMS TO BE DOING OKAY FILLING IN FOR HER.

THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA DESERVE REASSURANCE. IT CAN'T BE HAD IF THEIR LEADER IS ABSENT.



BROTHER, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING...ARE YOU COMPLAINING, OR PROJECTING?

I'M...

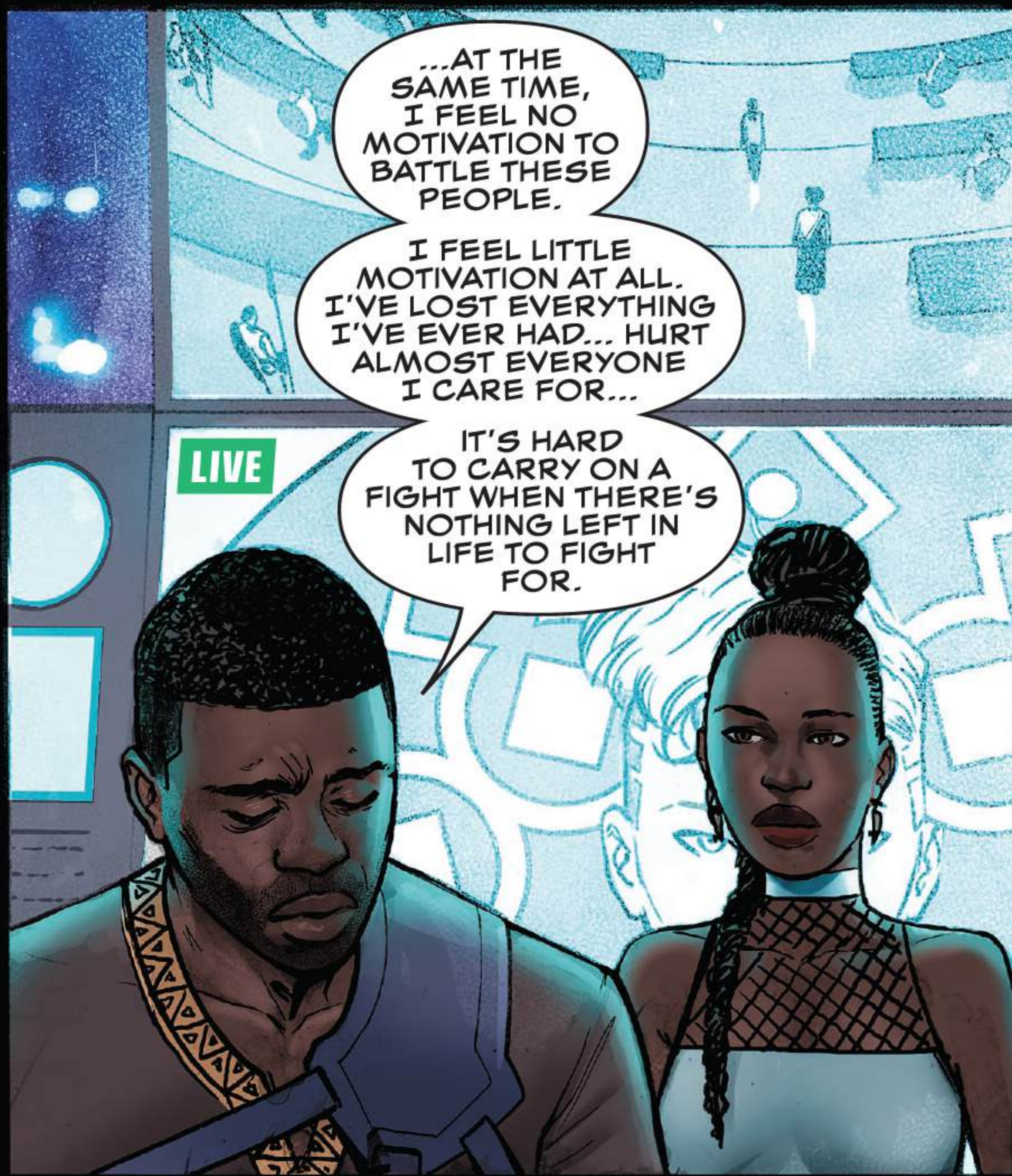
TO BE HONEST...I DON'T KNOW.



I'M USED TO BEING **DECISIVE**. BUT NOW I HAVE NO NATION TO LEAD, NO SOLUTIONS TO OFFER THE AVENGERS...

OUR ENEMY...ALL THEY WANT IS PEACE.

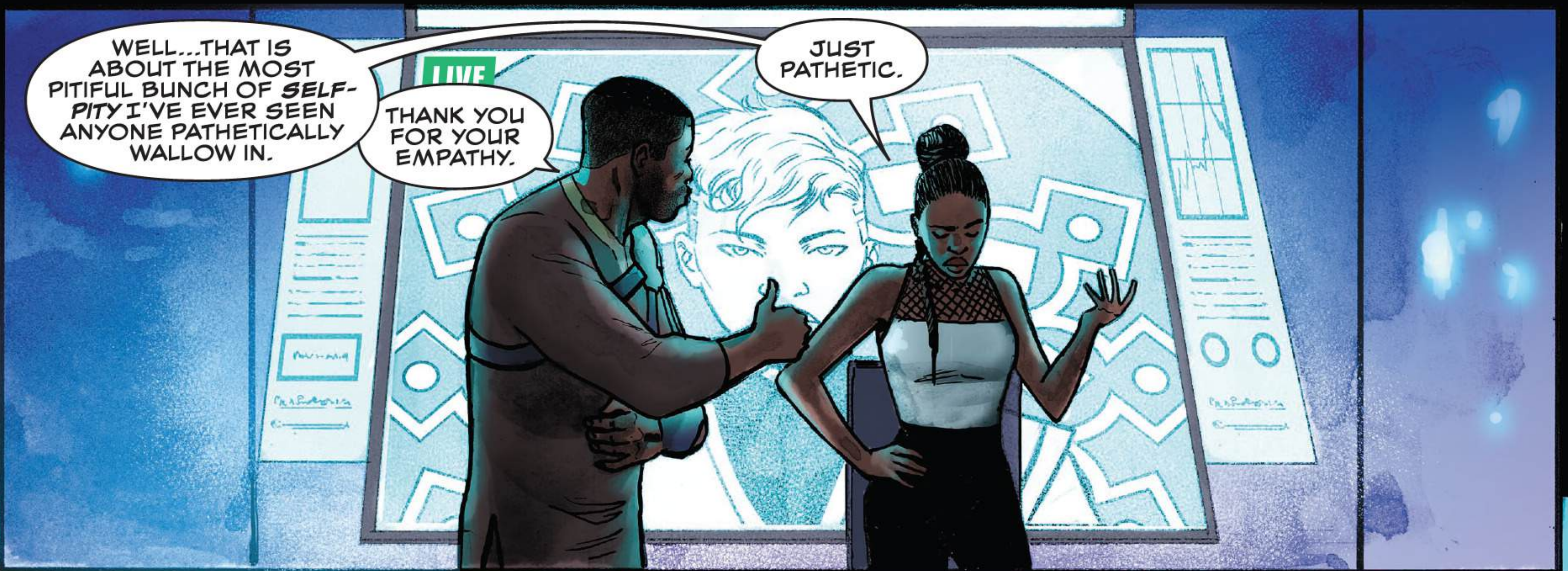
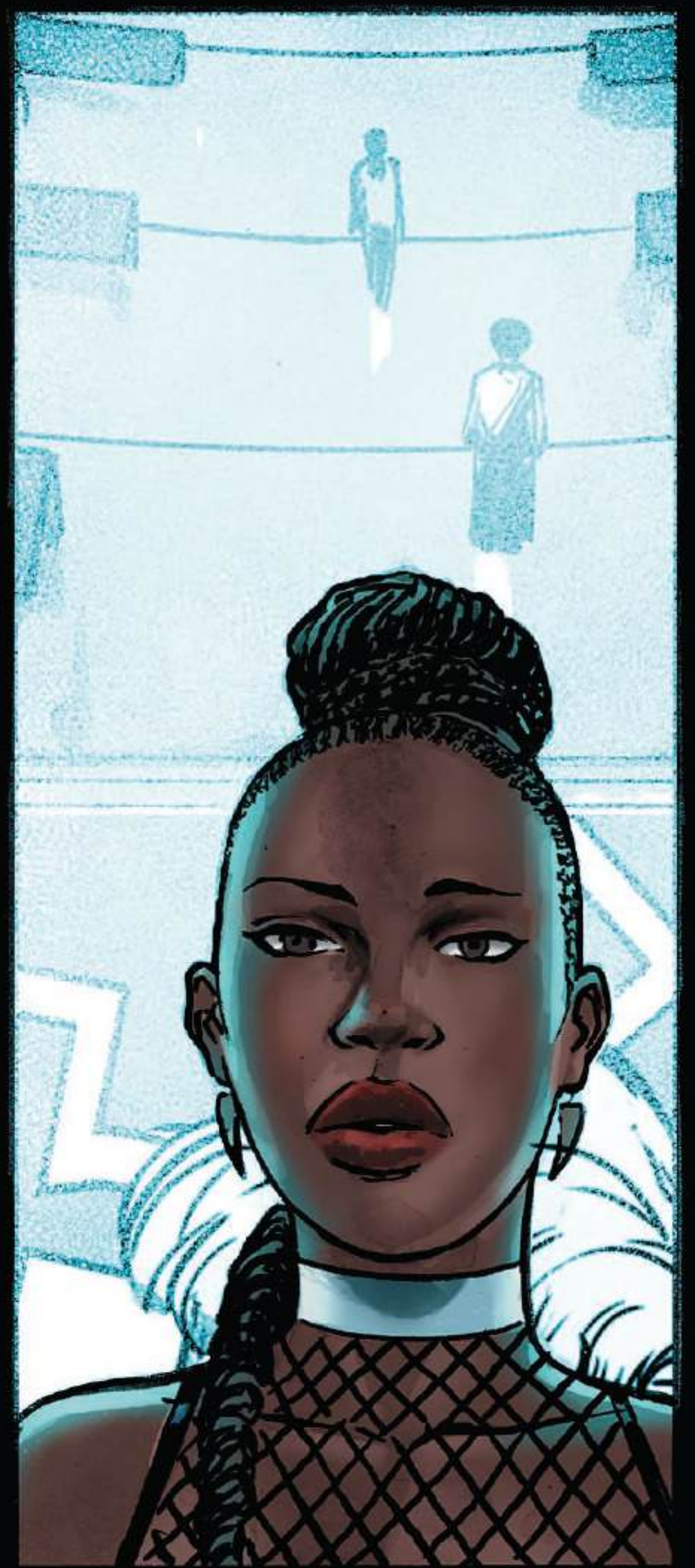
STEVEN ASKED IF I WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THEM. I TOLD HIM "NO," BUT...



...AT THE SAME TIME, I FEEL NO MOTIVATION TO BATTLE THESE PEOPLE.

I FEEL LITTLE MOTIVATION AT ALL. I'VE LOST EVERYTHING I'VE EVER HAD... HURT ALMOST EVERYONE I CARE FOR...

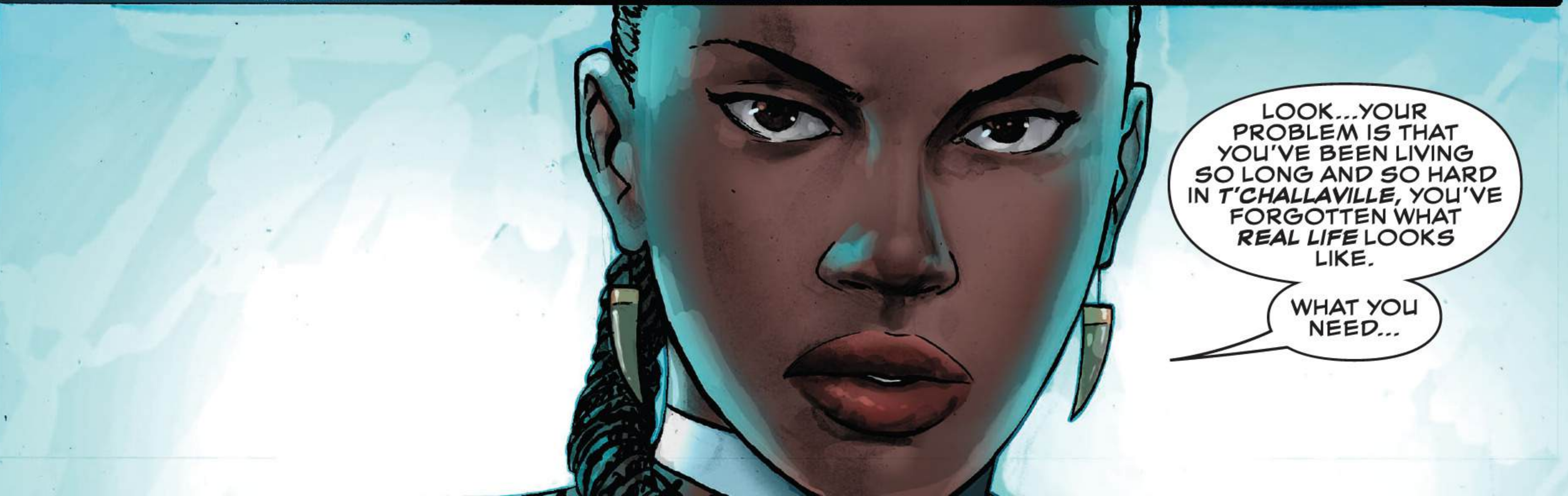
IT'S HARD TO CARRY ON A FIGHT WHEN THERE'S NOTHING LEFT IN LIFE TO FIGHT FOR.



WELL...THAT IS ABOUT THE MOST PITIFUL BUNCH OF **SELF-PITY** I'VE EVER SEEN ANYONE PATHETICALLY WALLOW IN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EMPATHY.

JUST PATHETIC.



LOOK...YOUR PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'VE BEEN LIVING SO LONG AND SO HARD IN T'CHALLAVILLE, YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT **REAL LIFE** LOOKS LIKE.

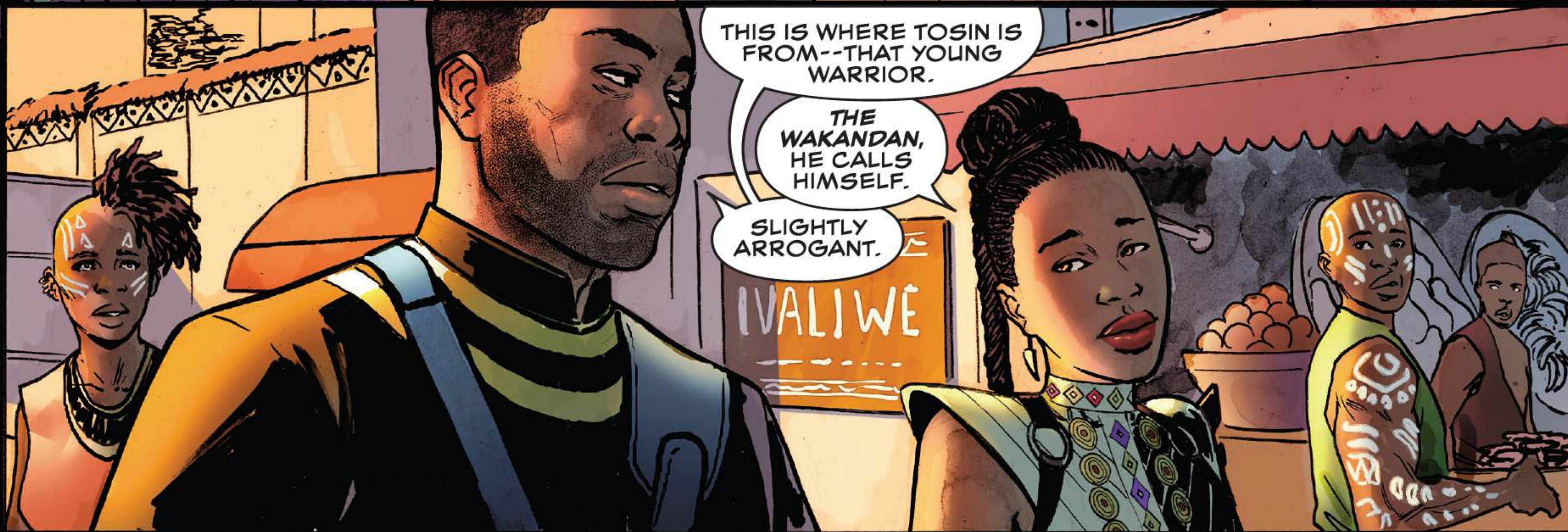
WHAT YOU NEED...



"...IS TO GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD FOR A MINUTE."

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

ZIERRA. ONE OF WAKANDA'S MUTE ZONES.



THIS IS WHERE TOSIN IS FROM--THAT YOUNG WARRIOR.

THE WAKANDAN, HE CALLS HIMSELF.

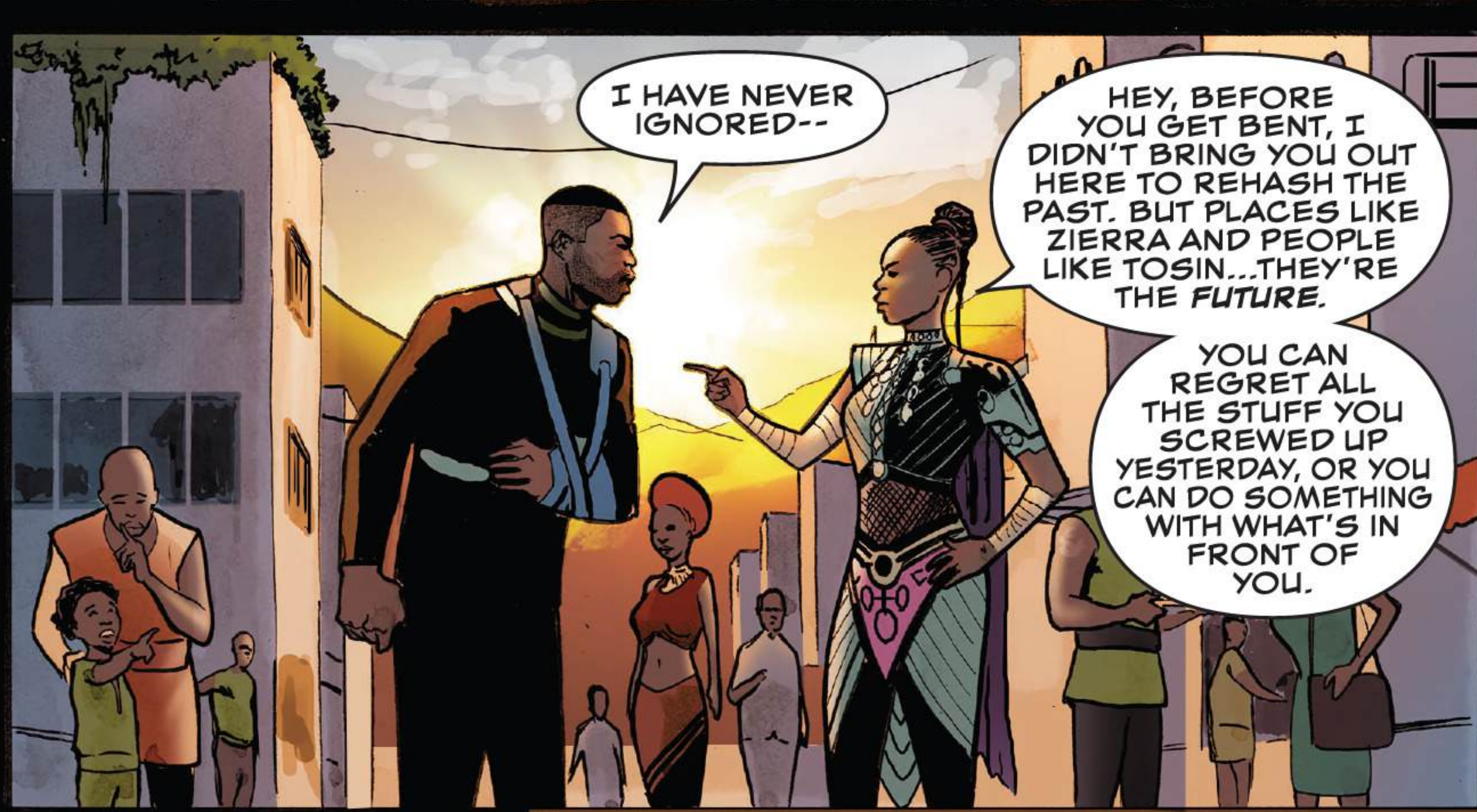
SLIGHTLY ARROGANT.



I WOULD TEND TO AGREE, BUT...

...HIS ATTITUDE, THE ATTITUDE OF A LOT OF TRIBES IN THE MUTE ZONES, IS THAT THEY'VE BEEN IGNORED TOO LONG BY BIRNIN ZANA.

AND BY YOU.



I HAVE NEVER IGNORED--

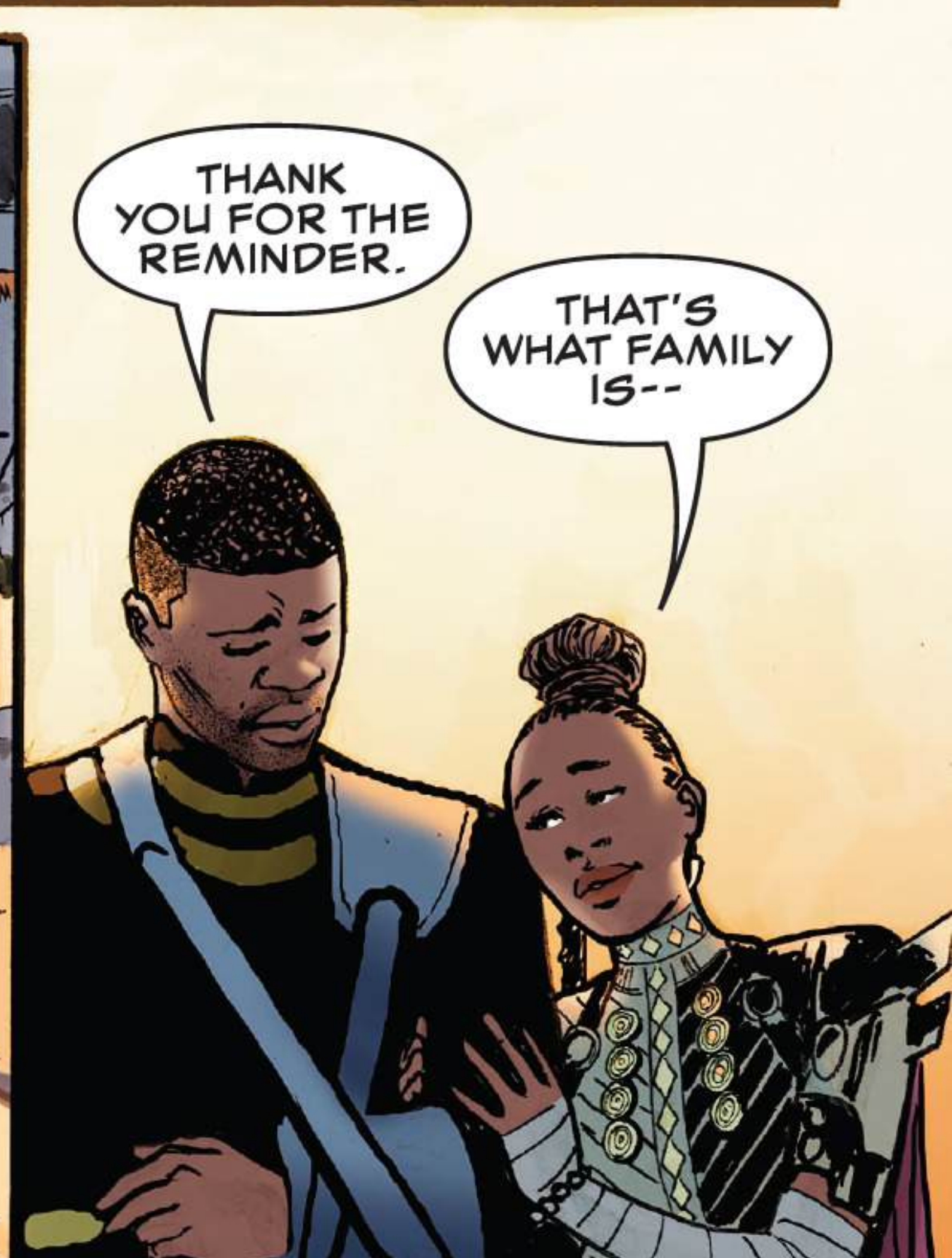
HEY, BEFORE YOU GET BENT, I DIDN'T BRING YOU OUT HERE TO REHASH THE PAST. BUT PLACES LIKE ZIERRA AND PEOPLE LIKE TOSIN...THEY'RE THE FUTURE.

YOU CAN REGRET ALL THE STUFF YOU SCREWED UP YESTERDAY, OR YOU CAN DO SOMETHING WITH WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU.



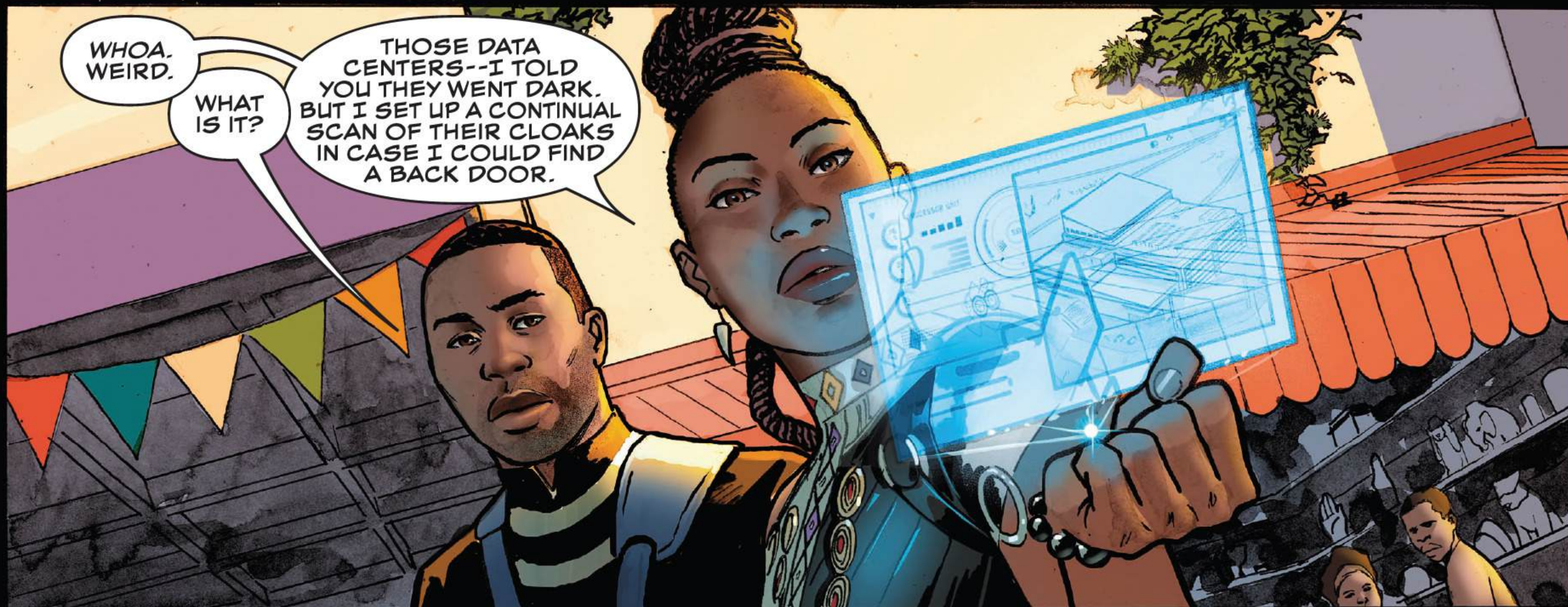
AND ALL THIS...THIS IS WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU.

AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO FOCUS ON. IF YOU CAN'T LEAD THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA, HOW CAN YOU BETTER SERVE THEM?



THANK YOU FOR THE REMINDER.

THAT'S WHAT FAMILY IS--



WHOA.
WEIRD.

WHAT
IS IT?

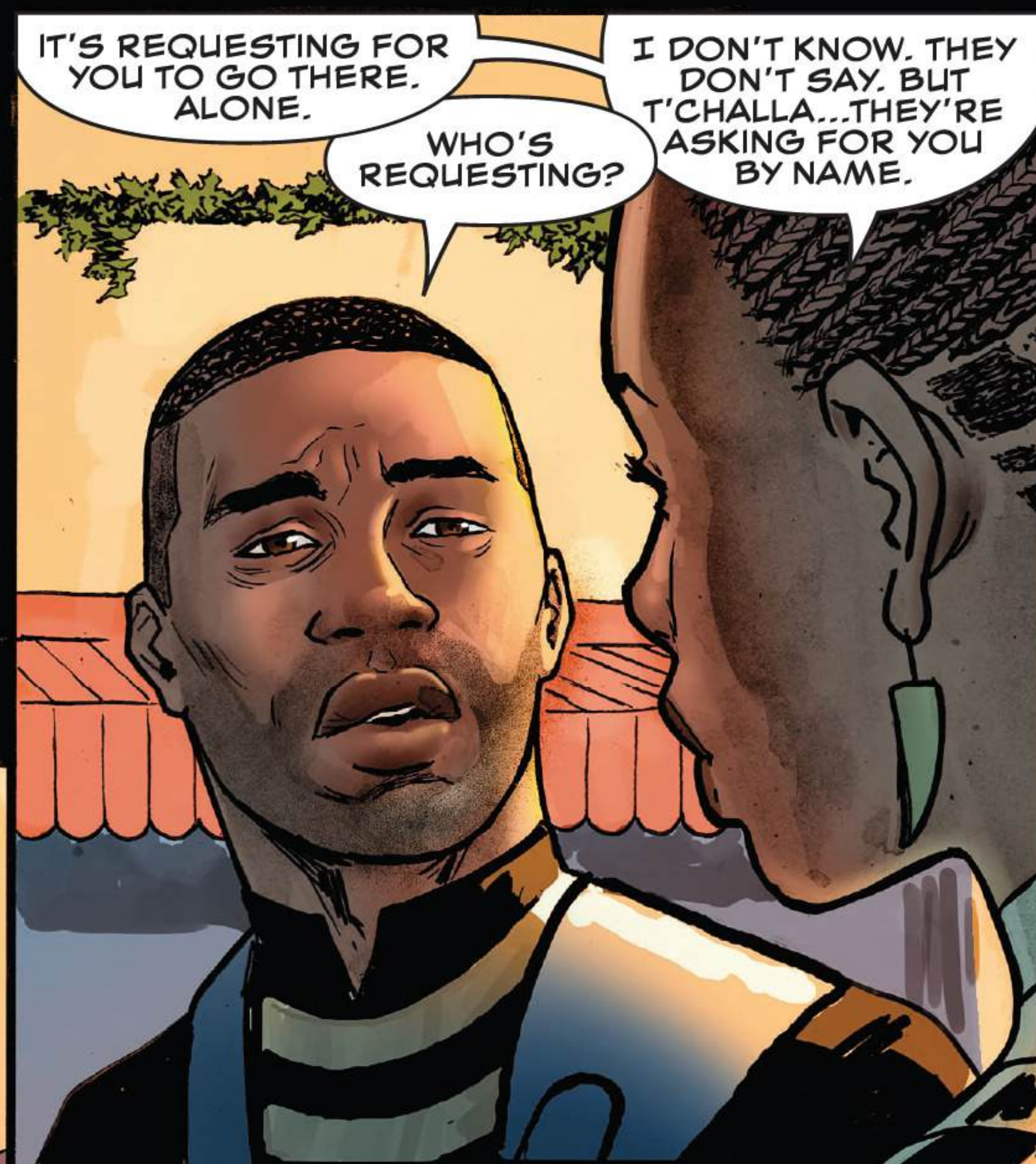
THOSE DATA
CENTERS--I TOLD
YOU THEY WENT DARK.
BUT I SET UP A CONTINUAL
SCAN OF THEIR CLOAKS
IN CASE I COULD FIND
A BACK DOOR.



WERE YOU ABLE
TO GET IN?

NO. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING
BLEEDING OUT FROM THE CENTER
IN OSAKA. A MESSAGE IN A
FREQUENCY THAT'S
DISTINCTLY WAKANDAN.

WHAT'S THE
MESSAGE?



IT'S REQUESTING FOR
YOU TO GO THERE.
ALONE.

WHO'S
REQUESTING?

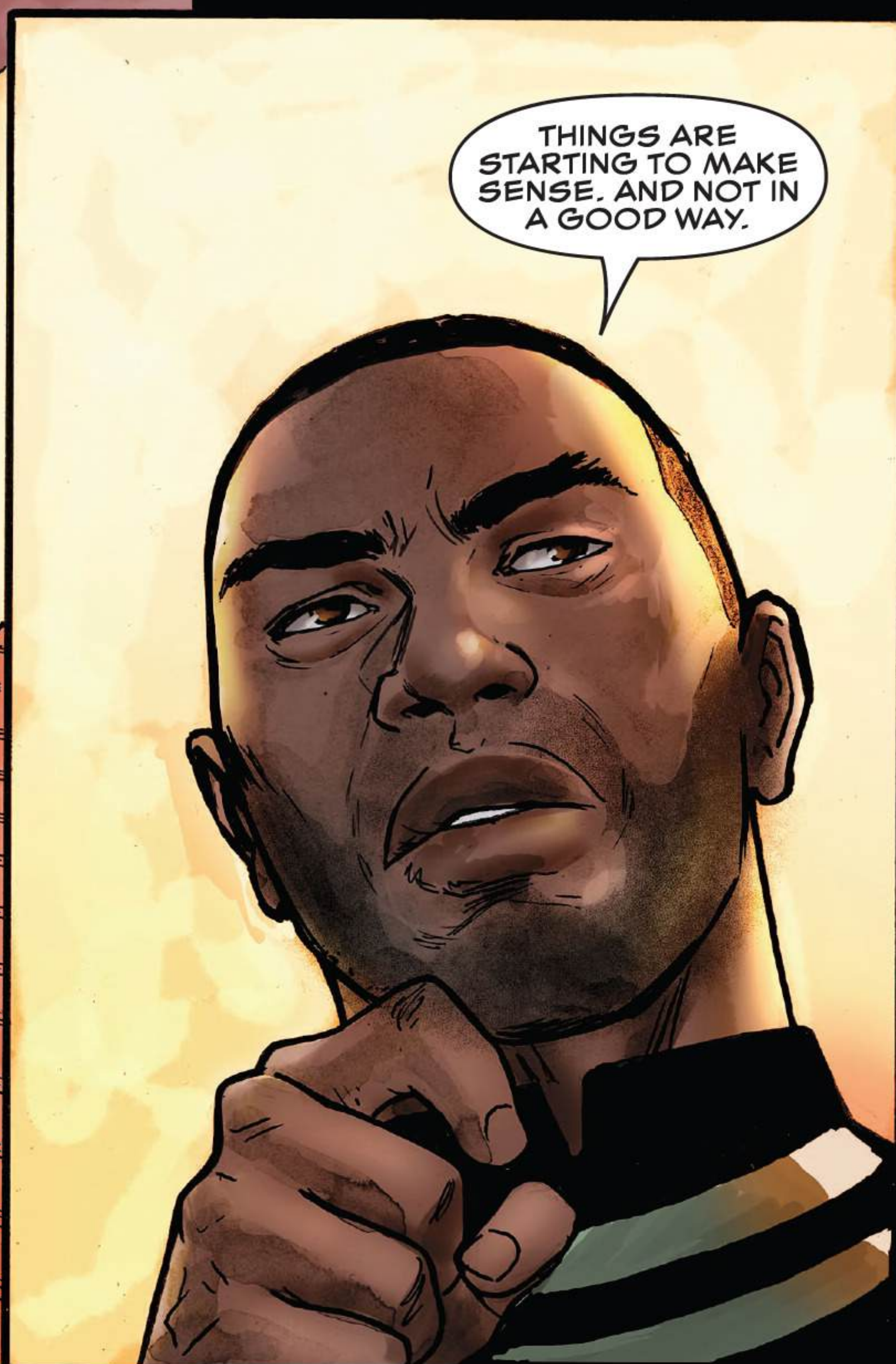
I DON'T KNOW. THEY
DON'T SAY. BUT
T'CHALLA...THEY'RE
ASKING FOR YOU
BY NAME.



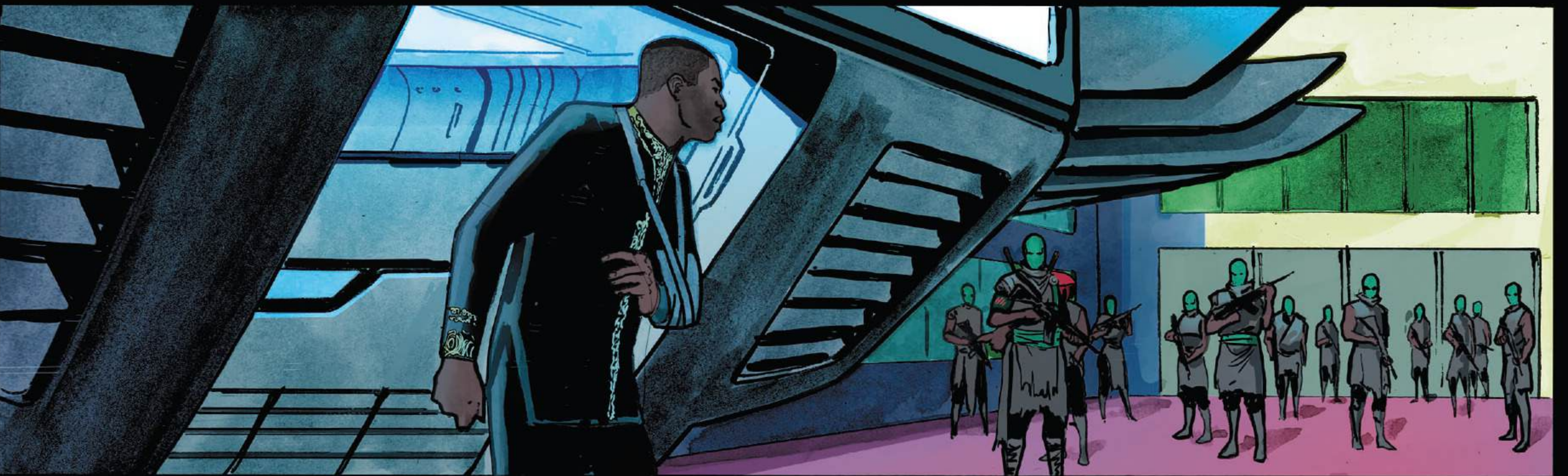
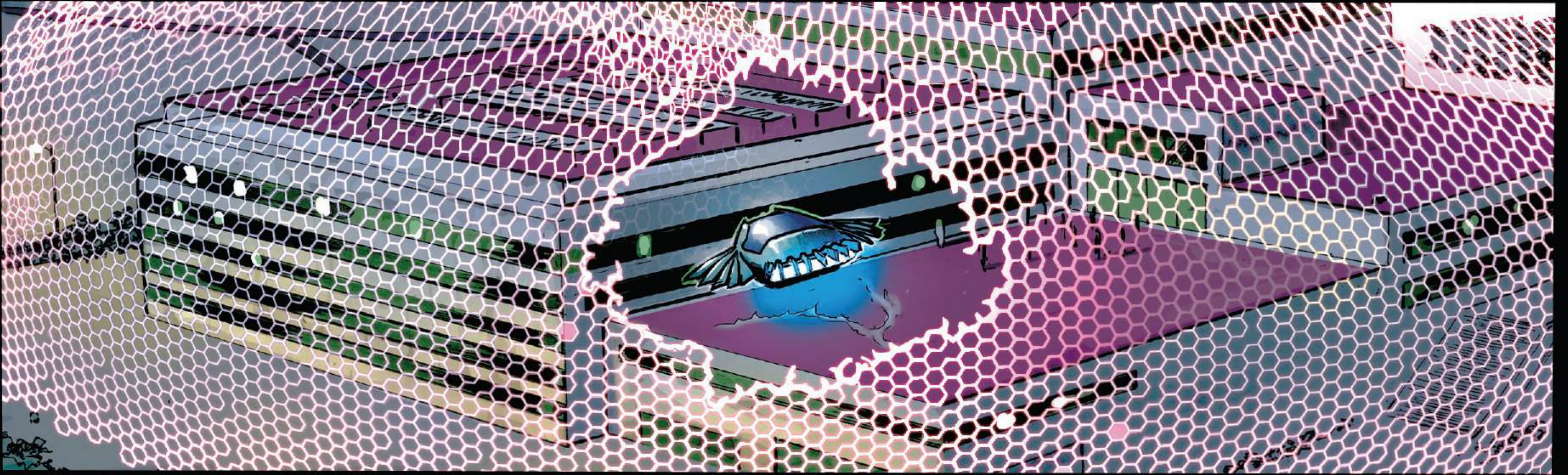
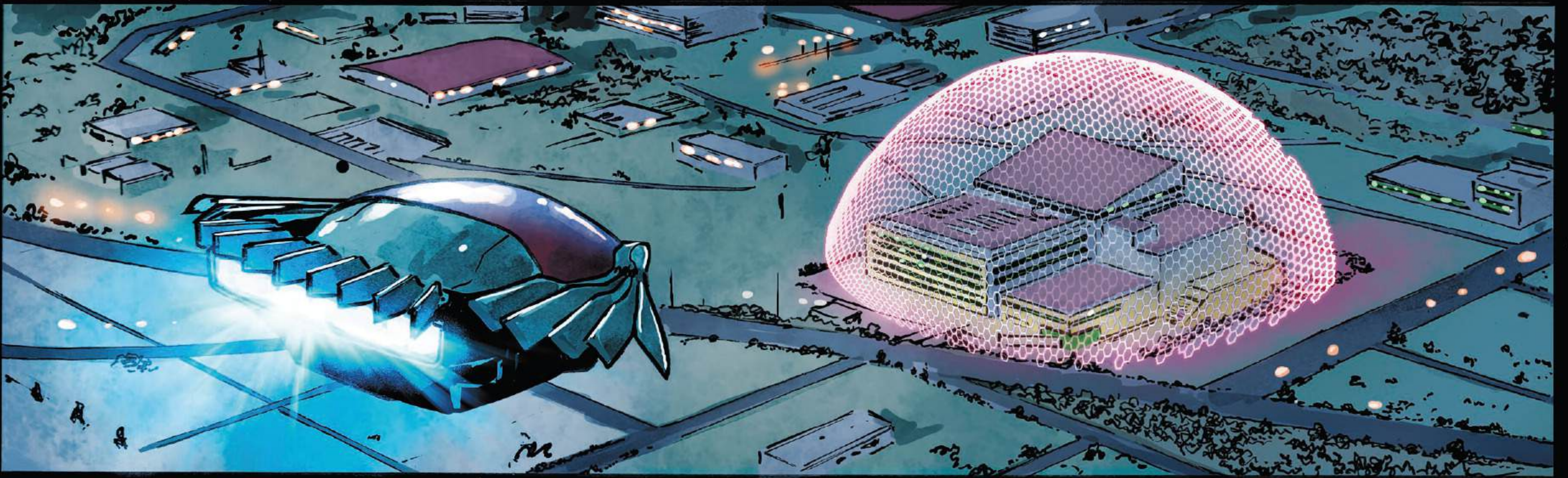
THEY'RE
USING WAKANDAN
STEALTH, WAKANDAN
COMMUNICATIONS...

AND WHERE'S
FOLASADE SUPPOSED
TO BE RIGHT NOW?

THE PRIME
MINISTER'S ON SOME
KIND OF DIPLOMATIC
MISSION. WHY?



THINGS ARE
STARTING TO MAKE
SENSE. AND NOT IN
A GOOD WAY.





HEY,
T'CHALLA.

"HEY"? THAT'S
ALL YOU'VE GOT
TO SAY? ALL YOUR
LIES, ALL YOUR
DECEPTIONS...

I DID
WHAT I HAD
TO DO.

YOU DID
IT TO GRAB
POWER.

I DID IT
TO GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING YOU'VE
EVER WANTED, T'CHALLA:
A WORLD OF
PEACE.

GAVE ME? YOU USED ME
TO TAKE CONTROL.
GETTING ME TO TAKE MY
SLEEPERS OFF THE FIELD,
TURNING ME AND AKILI
AGAINST EACH OTHER,
EVEN TAKING OUT THE
AVENGERS...

WITH AKILI DEAD,
YOU'RE THE ONLY
OTHER PERSON
ALIVE WHO WOULD
HAVE KNOWN TO
USE KILLSWITCH
AGAINST THEM...
FOLASADE.

FOLASADE...?
WOW.

I GUESS
I'VE BEEN MORE
CLANDESTINE
THAN I PLANNED...



JHAI...



YOU'RE DEAD. YOU WERE MURDERED.

CLEARLY I WASN'T. AND AS ALWAYS...



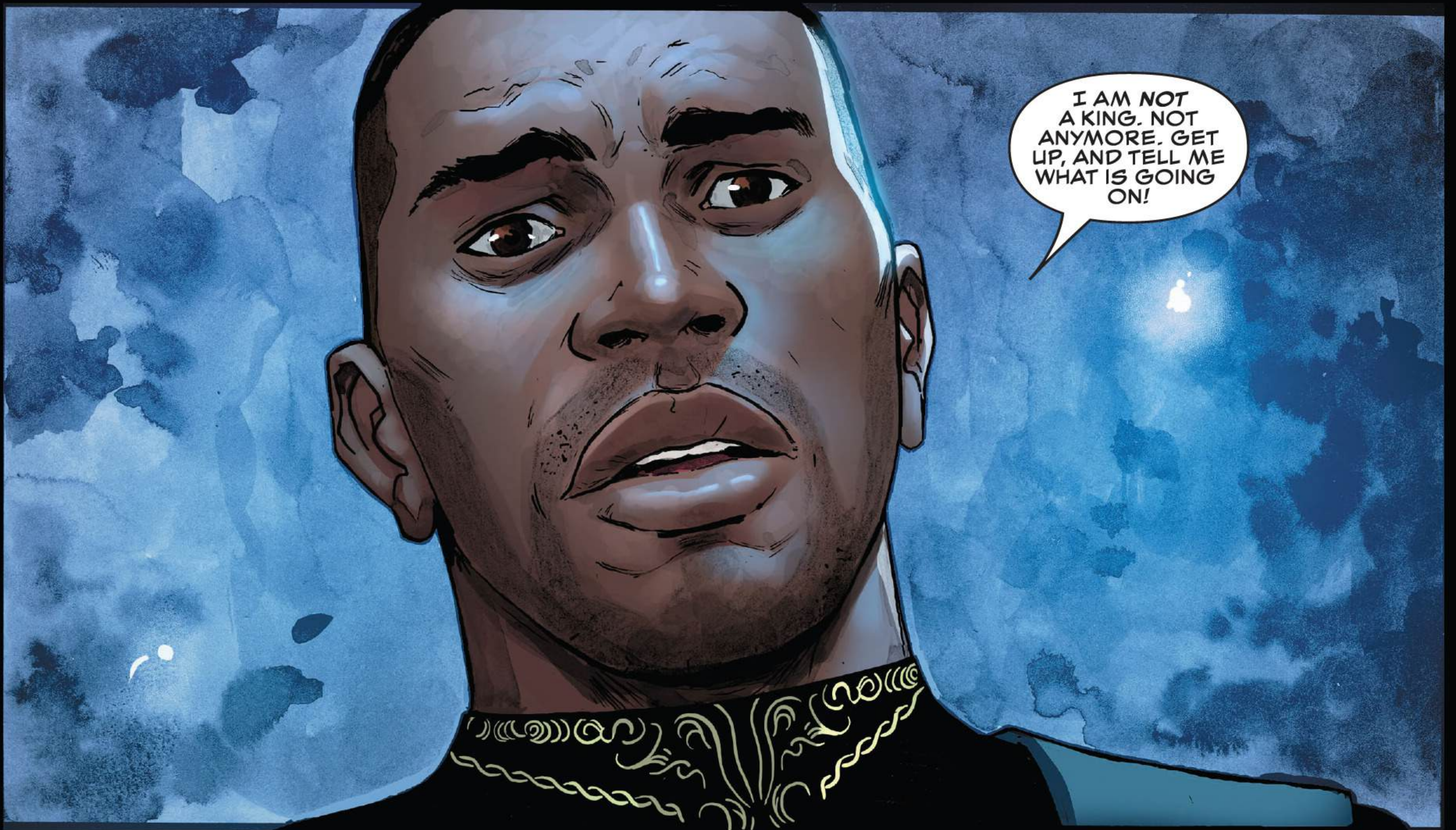
...I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, MY KING.





JHAI...
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING...?

PROVING
LOYALTY TO YOU,
MY KING.

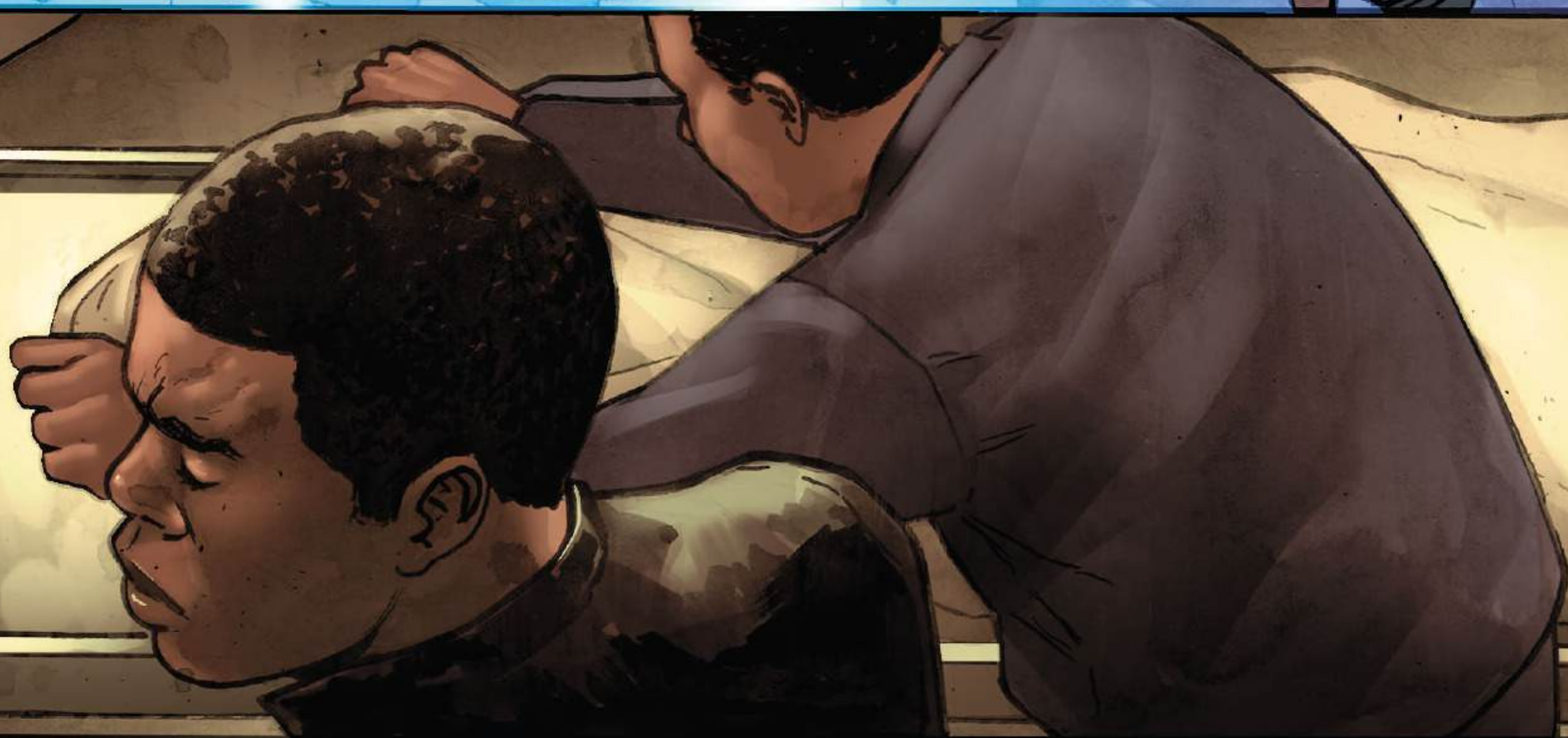


I AM NOT
A KING. NOT
ANYMORE. GET
UP, AND TELL ME
WHAT IS GOING
ON!



"A BODY MUTILATED. UNRECOGNIZABLE. YOUR EYES FILLED WITH TEARS AND YOUR HEART FILLED WITH GRIEF...YOU SAW ME, DEAD AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSINS."

"A CONTRIVANCE, YES, BUT A NECESSARY ONE."



"I STAGED THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON MYSELF AND OMOLOLA."



"AND MADE SURE OMOLOLA WITNESSED MY 'DEATH.'"





WORKED "BETTER"? I ACCUSED AKILI OF TREASON. HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE!

AS I SAID, YOUR HIGHNESS: **BETTER**. WITH THE HATUT ZERAZE DISBANDED, THE ONLY THING THAT STOOD IN THE WAY OF THIS OPERATION WERE THE AVENGERS.



BUT YOU MADE SURE THEY WOULD FAIL...WITH KILLSWITCH.



...GODS IN HEAVEN...

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE.



I HAVE DONE EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED: ONE PLANET, ONE RULER, UNDER THE BANNER OF WAKANDA.

AND ONE DAY, MY KING--

STOP-- SAYING-- THAT!

--WHEN WE ALIGN WITH YOUR INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE, YOU WILL TAKE YOUR PLACE AS RULER OF THE UNIVERSE.



HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I DON'T...I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

RULE THE UNIVERSE? I NEVER WANTED THAT.



WHY THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE? WHY US SLEEPERS? WHY THE HATUT ZERAZE? WHY KILLSWITCH?

I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO OPPRESS, BUT PEOPLE-- THE HUMAN AND THE HUMANOID--THEY CAN'T BE LEFT TO THEMSELVES. WHEN GIVEN THE FREEDOM TO ACHIEVE, WHAT DO THEY ACCOMPLISH BEYOND HATE, WAR AND SLAUGHTER?

WHERE THEY ARE REGRESSIVE, WAKANDA HAS THRIVED. WHERE THEY FAIL, WE HAVE BEEN THE MODEL OF EXCEPTIONALISM.

BUT NOW ALL WILL HAVE THE BLISSFUL LIVES THEY DESERVE, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO FORCE THAT BLISS DOWN THEIR THROATS.

TO EARN YOUR "PEACE," YOU'VE KILLED AND GOTTEN OTHERS KILLED.

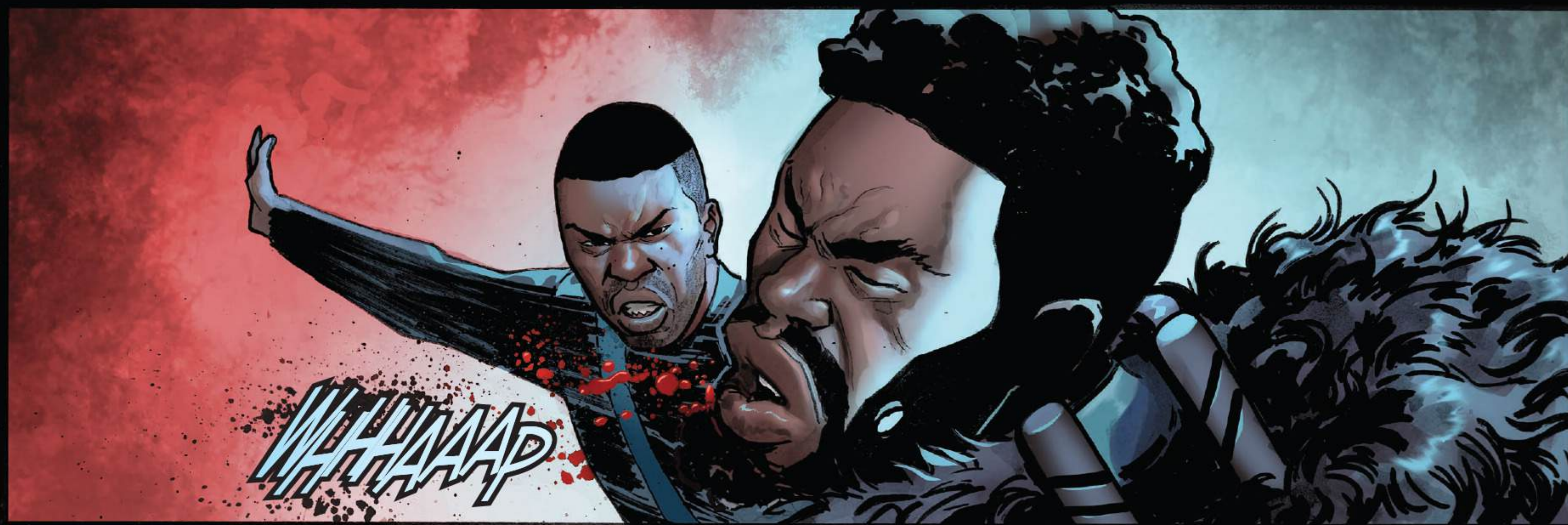
A FEW PEOPLE COMPARED TO A UNIVERSAL WAKANDA? I'D SAY IT'S WORTH IT.



IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO SAY. I RULED WAKANDA. IT WAS FOR ME ALONE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO, AND WHEN TO DO IT. ALL THERE IS FOR YOU IS TO FOLLOW MY WORD.

I'M YOUR KING. I'M ORDERING YOU TO STAND DOWN.

BUT IT'S LIKE YOU SAY: YOU'RE NOT KING ANYMORE, ARE YOU?



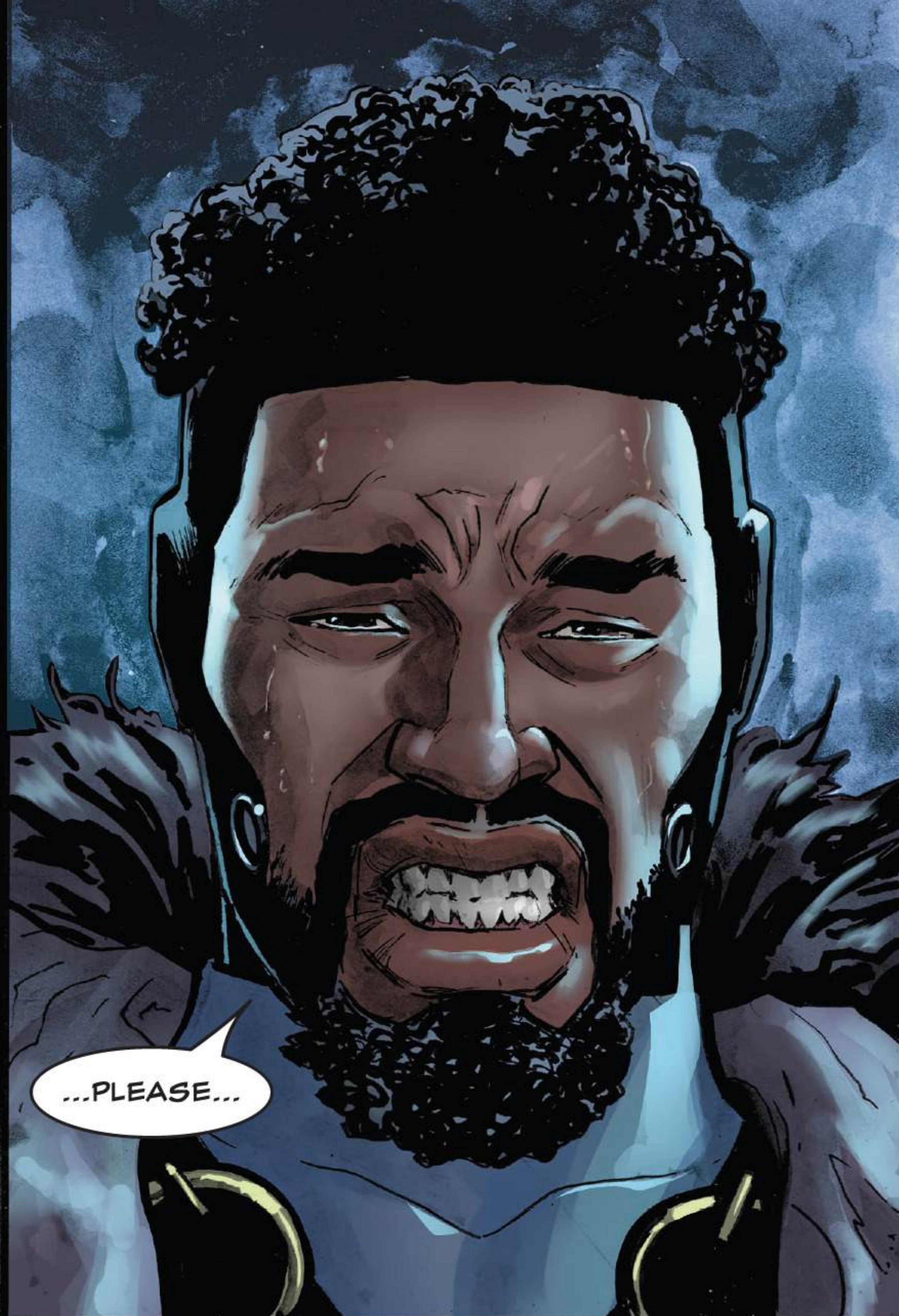




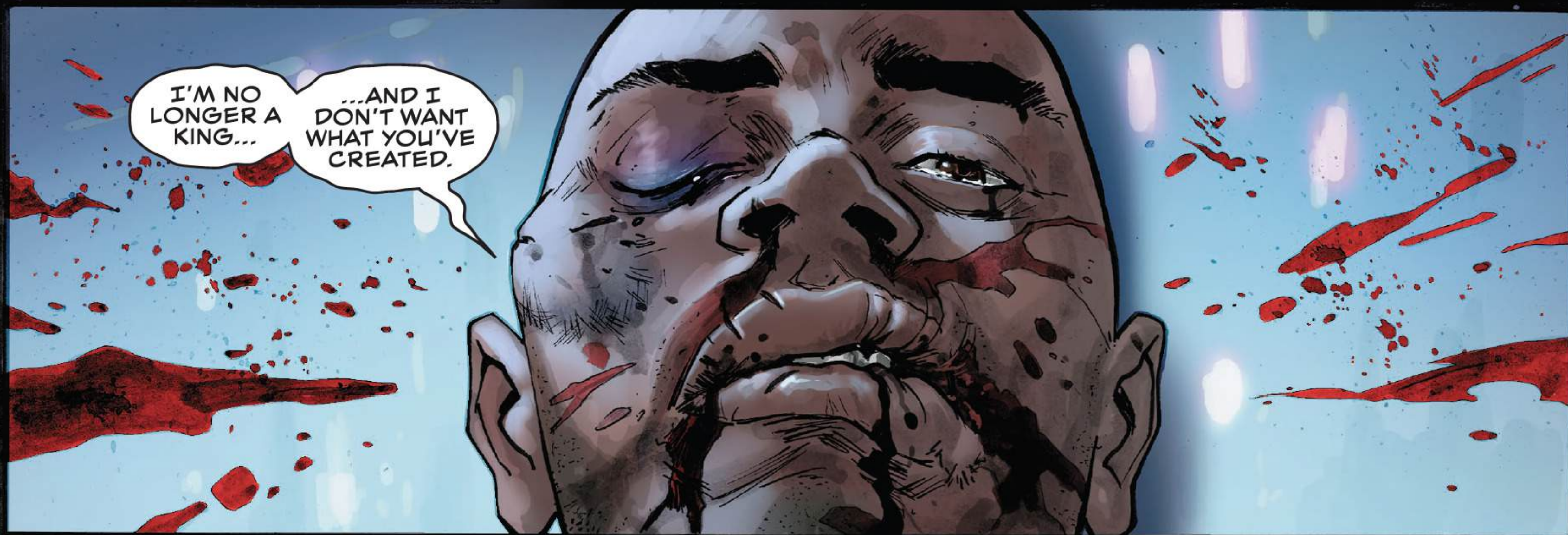
YOU ASKED ME TO GIVE UP MY ENTIRE LIFE FOR YOU. AND I GAVE IT. GLADLY, TO THE MAN I LOVED AS A BROTHER.

IN RETURN, I HANDED YOU EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED. EVERYTHING YOU WERE TOO WEAK TO TAKE FOR YOURSELF.

STAND UP, T'CHALLA. STAND UP AND BE KING!



...PLEASE...



I'M NO LONGER A KING...

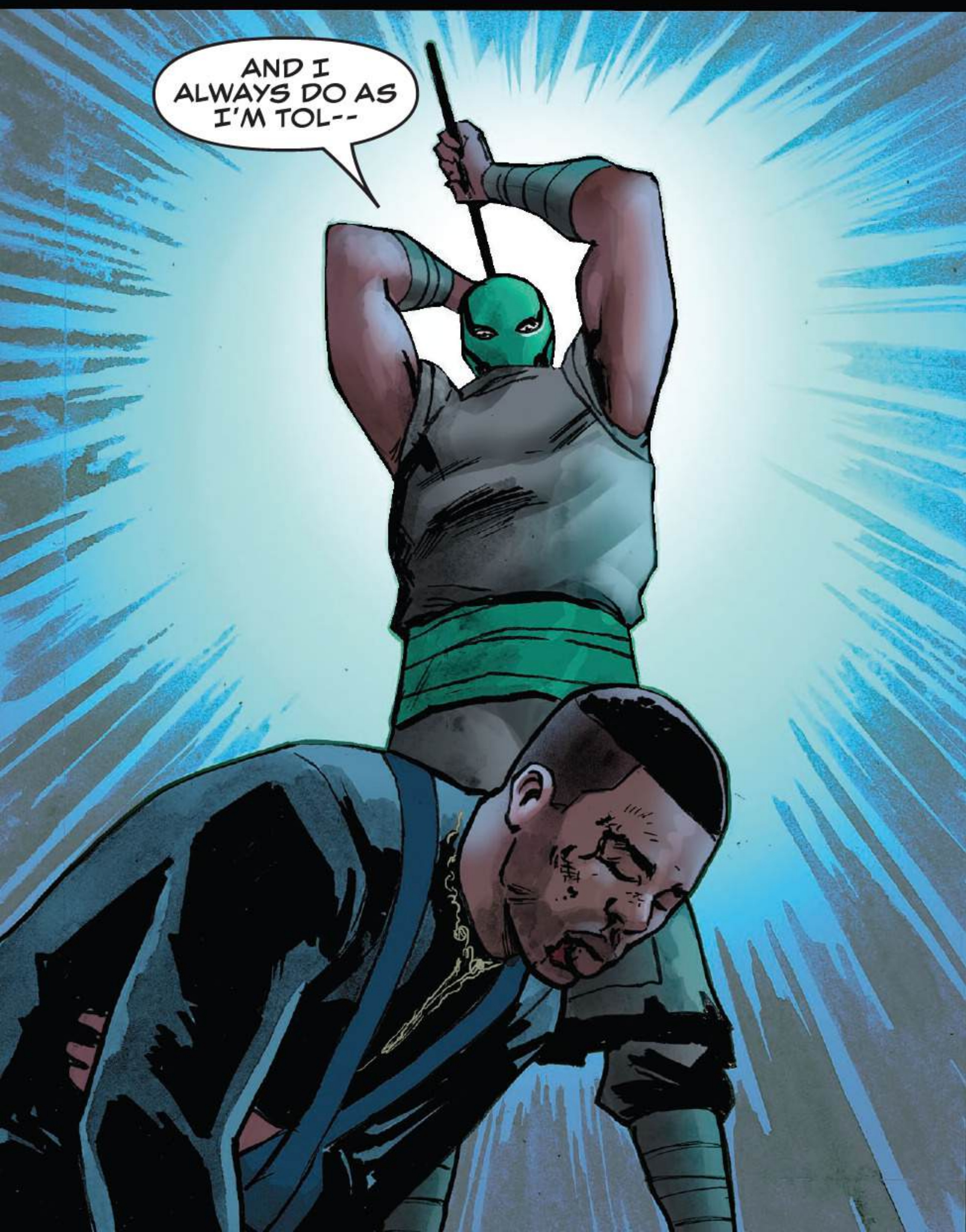
...AND I DON'T WANT WHAT YOU'VE CREATED.



TAKE HIM OUTSIDE AND KILL HIM.



MAKE IT QUICK. MAKE IT PAINLESS.





WHAT
THE HELL ARE
YAAAAAAAHHH!



IT'S COOL,
T'CHALLA...
I'M HERE TO
PROTECT
YOU.

...WHO...
WHO ARE...?



IT'S ME.
HARAH!

HARAH!...?

I WORKED IN THE VIBRANIUM
MINE ON SUBLEVEL
B36. WE MET. ONCE.
SORTA.

...WE
DID...?



"THERE WAS A DAY YOU CAME TO
VISIT THE MINE. MOST OF THE
WORKERS KNEW IT WAS A PHOTO
OP FOR THE KING TO SHOW HOW
MUCH HE LIKES REGULAR PEOPLE.



"THEN I SEE YOU, T'CHALLA.
YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT
ME. AND YOU WAVE. YOU
WAVE TO ME."



YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW
SPECIAL IT FELT
TO HAVE THE KING
OF WAKANDA
ACKNOWLEDGE A
LOWLY SUBLEVEL
B36 VIBRANIUM
MINER. IT WAS THE
GREATEST DAY!
REMEMBER?!

...UHHHH...

WELL, UP UNTIL
TODAY, WHEN I CAN
FINALLY REPAY YOUR
GRACIOUSNESS.

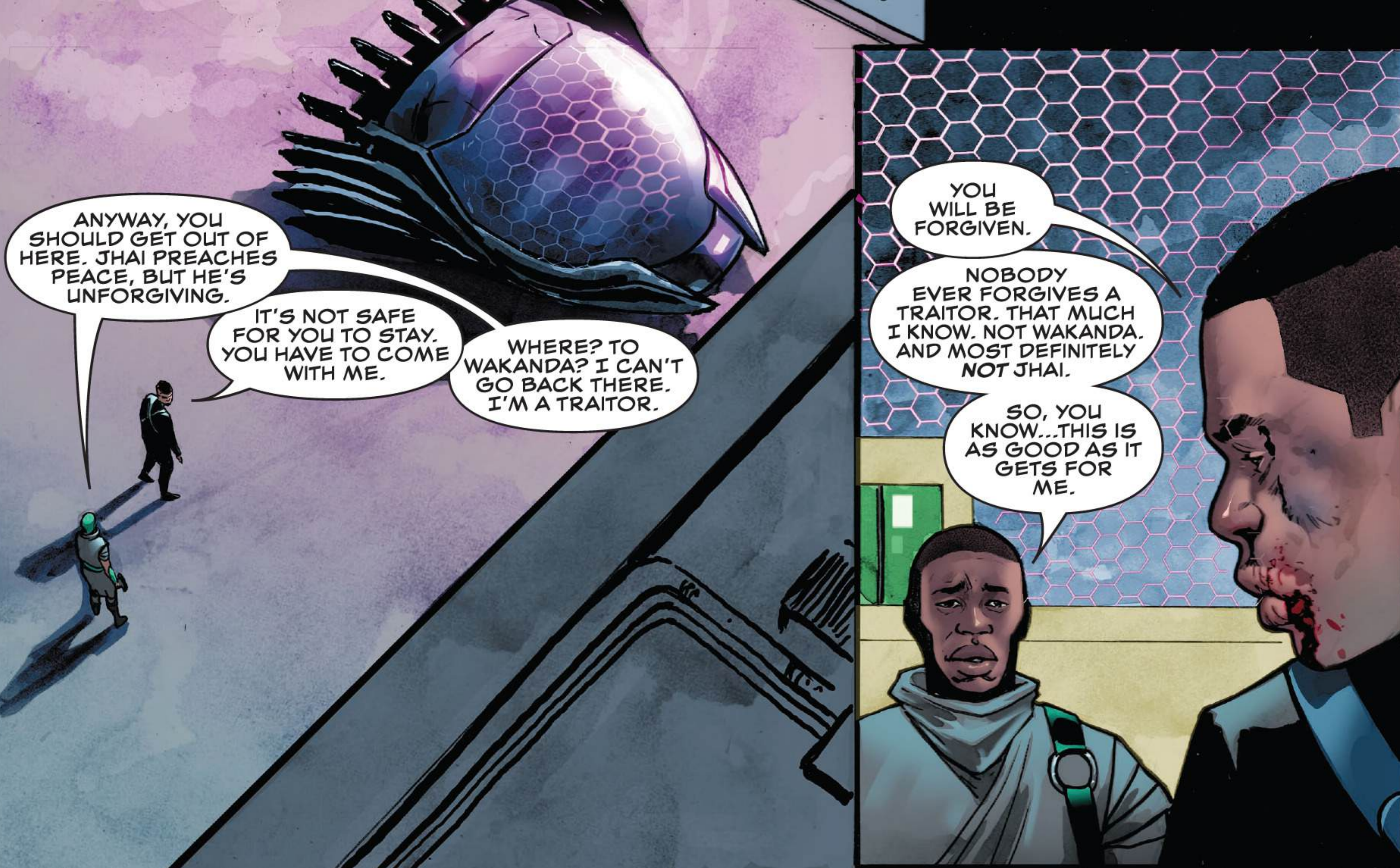
ARE ALL JHAI'S
WARRIORS WAKANDAN?



NO. JHAI FOUND PEOPLE LIKE
US, PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS
OF LIFE. HE TALKED SO...
EMOTIONALLY ABOUT WANTING
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.
OVER TIME, HE BROUGHT US
TOGETHER AS A--

--CULT.

WELL...AS
PEOPLE WHO
SHARED HIS BELIEF
AND WOULD FIGHT FOR IT.



ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE. JHAI PREACHES PEACE, BUT HE'S UNFORGIVING.

IT'S NOT SAFE FOR YOU TO STAY. YOU HAVE TO COME WITH ME.

WHERE? TO WAKANDA? I CAN'T GO BACK THERE. I'M A TRAITOR.

YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN.

NOBODY EVER FORGIVES A TRAITOR. THAT MUCH I KNOW. NOT WAKANDA. AND MOST DEFINITELY NOT JHAI.

SO, YOU KNOW...THIS IS AS GOOD AS IT GETS FOR ME.



BUT AT LEAST I GOT TO SERVE YOU ONCE, MY KING.



DON'T!



"AND THEN WHAT DID YOU DO?"

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN,
THE NORTH POLE.

I WAS ABLE
TO MAKE IT TO
MY JET AND
GET AWAY.

I CAME
STRAIGHT HERE
TO TELL YOU
EVERYTHING I
KNOW.

AND NOW THAT
YOU HAVE, I JUST
WANT TO MAKE SURE
I UNDERSTAND THE
SITUATION.

THE COMMANDER OF
THESE TERRORISTS WHO HAVE
TAKEN OVER DATA CENTERS AND ARE
IN CONTROL OF ALL INTERNET
COMMUNICATION USED TO BE ONE
AMONG DOZENS OF *SLEEPER AGENTS*
OF YOURS WHO YOU HAD WAITING IN THE
SHADOWS TO GO ON A *KILL SPREE*
AGAINST ELECTED OFFICIALS AND
WORLD LEADERS IF YOU EVER
HAD THE MOOD.

BUT JHAI DECIDES
YOU'RE CONQUERING
THE PLANET TOO
SLOWLY, SO AFTER HE
TRICKS YOU INTO
DESTABILIZING WAKANDA,
HE USES DATA THAT YOU
SECRETLY COLLECTED
ON US TO TAKE DOWN
THE AVENGERS AND TO
BEGIN INSTITUTING A
UNIVERSAL ORDER
OF WAKANDA.

AM
I MISSING
ANYTHING?

YOU ARE
MISSING NOTHING,
BUT YOU'RE
EMBELLISHING
MUCH.

YOU *RECORDED*
US, T'CHALLA. YOU
USED THE VIBRANIUM IN
THE TECH YOU GAVE US TO
CATALOG OUR POWERS,
ABILITIES, FIGHTING STYLES...
WHY? SO YOU COULD
TAKE US OUT SAME
AS JHAI DID?



AFTER WE
LOST DOCTOR
STRANGE, WHEN
WE NEEDED HIS
POWERS TO
STOP THE
COLONIALIST...

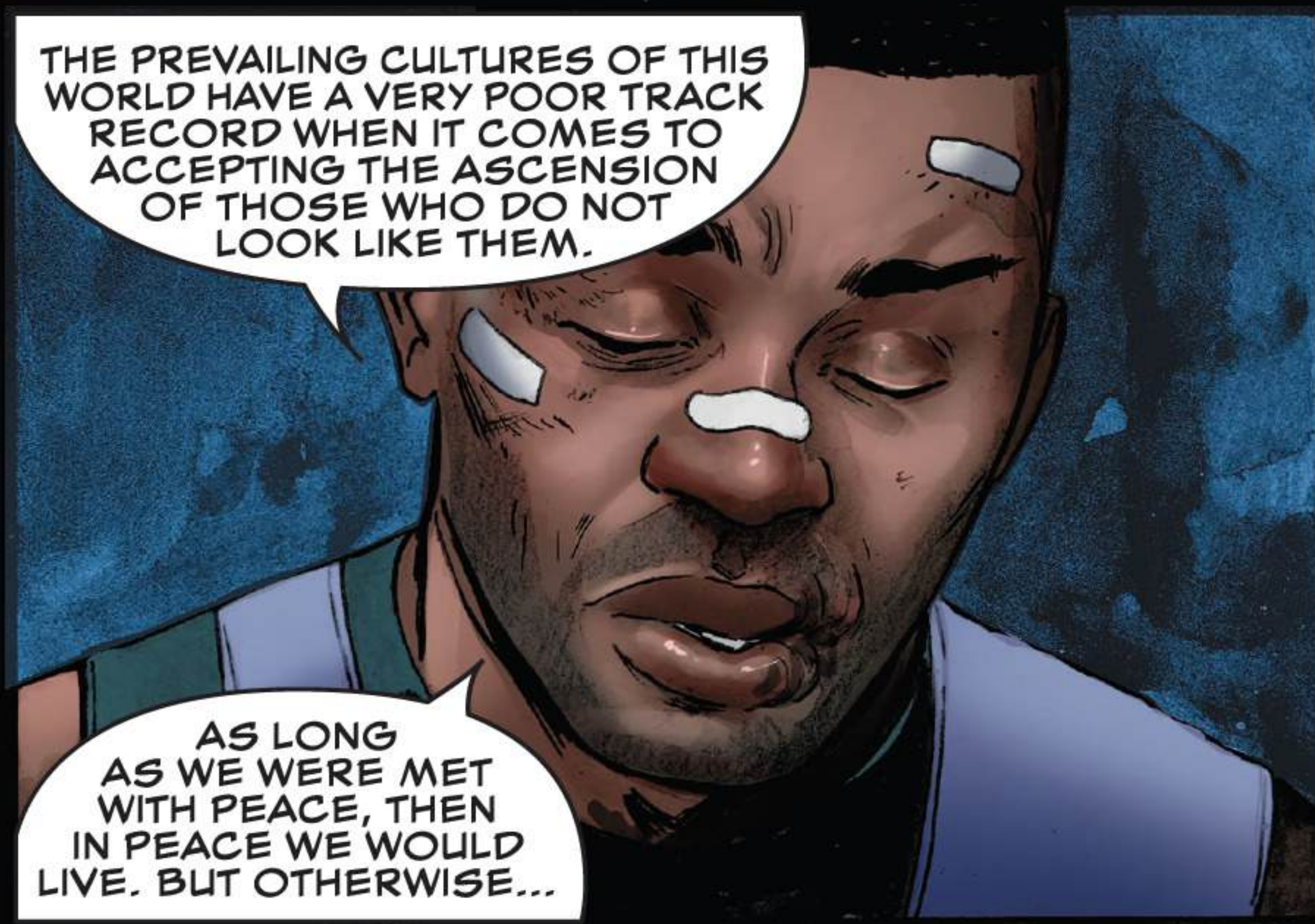
...THE
RECORDINGS I
HAD TAKEN GAVE US
A WAY TO REPLICATE
STRANGE'S POWERS
AND SAVE THE
DAY.

IF YOUR
PURPOSE WAS
NOBLE, WHY CALL
YOUR METHODS
"KILLSWITCH"?



YOU CARRY A HAMMER, THOR.
IT CAN DRIVE A NAIL, OR IT CAN
DESTROY A PLANET. THERE IS
NO TOOL THAT CANNOT
ALSO BE USED AS
A WEAPON.

BUT
WHICH WAS
YOUR INTENT:
TO BUILD, OR TO
WREAK HAVOC?



THE PREVAILING CULTURES OF THIS
WORLD HAVE A VERY POOR TRACK
RECORD WHEN IT COMES TO
ACCEPTING THE ASCENSION
OF THOSE WHO DO NOT
LOOK LIKE THEM.

AS LONG
AS WE WERE MET
WITH PEACE, THEN
IN PEACE WE WOULD
LIVE. BUT OTHERWISE...



I WAS KING OF
WAKANDA.

I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE A MAN
WHO CALLS HIMSELF "CAPTAIN
AMERICA" DOESN'T UNDERSTAND
PUTTING COUNTRY ABOVE
ALL ELSE.

WHAT I KNOW:
WE HAVE TO FIGURE
OUT A WAY TO STOP
YOUR WARRIOR WITHOUT
HIM SENDING THIS
PLANET BACK TO
THE STONE AGE.

WHILE WE'RE
DOING THAT,
YOU'RE NOT
WELCOME.

I CAN
HELP.

BUT
CAN YOU BE
TRUSTED?



...NO
ONE FORGIVES
TRAITORS...



**BIRNIN ZANA,
WAKANDA.**

I'M SORRY,
WHAT DID YOU
SAY?



THE LAST
THING HARAHI
SAID TO ME.

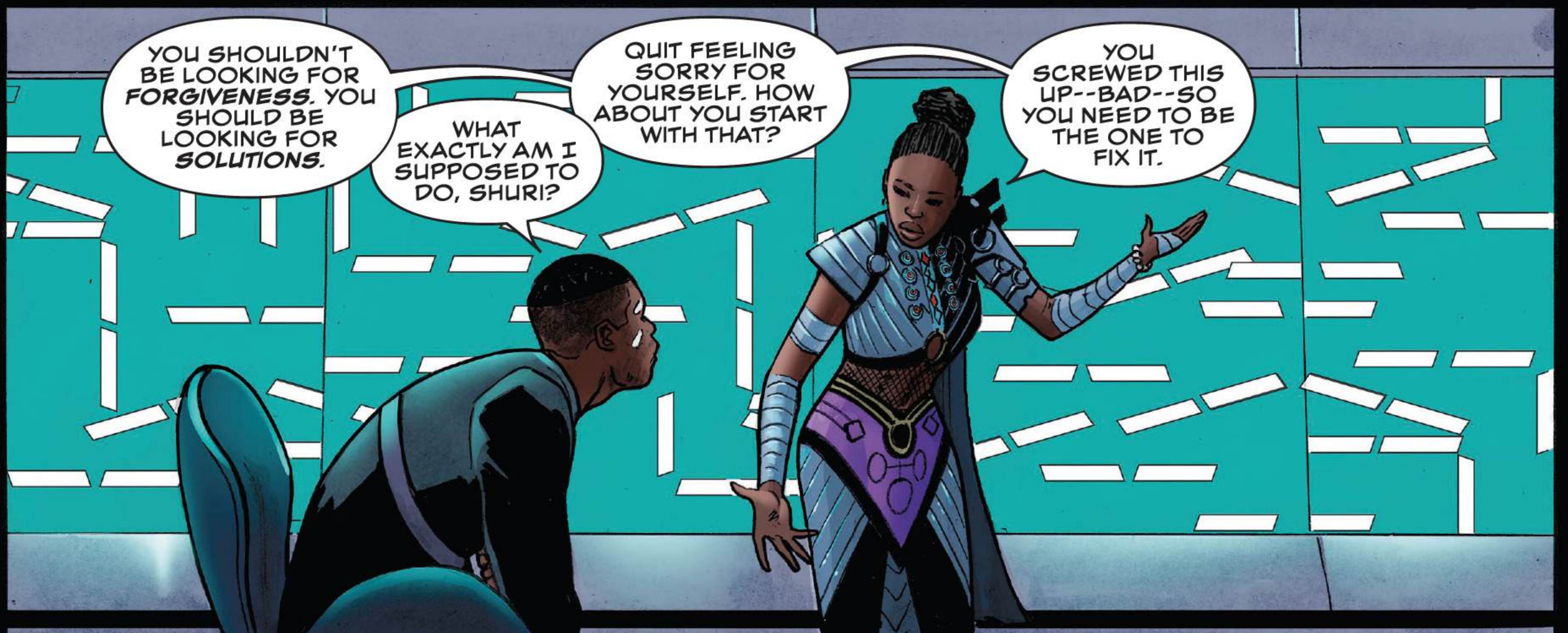
AND HARAHI
WAS...?

HE WAS JUST
A MAN. AN ORDINARY
MAN CAUGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF MY VISION OF
A BETTER WORLD AND HOW
JHAI CHOSE TO IMPLEMENT
THAT VISION. AND HARAHI
GOT CRUSHED BETWEEN
THEM.

OF ALL MY
FAILURES THAT
HAVE LED TO WHERE
I AM RIGHT NOW,
WHAT I DID TO
HARAHI...



I HAVE BEEN
A TRAITOR TO
THE PEOPLE
WHO BELIEVED
IN ME. NO ONE
FORGIVES A
TRAITOR.



YOU SHOULDN'T
BE LOOKING FOR
FORGIVENESS. YOU
SHOULD BE
LOOKING FOR
SOLUTIONS.

WHAT
EXACTLY AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO, SHURI?

QUIT FEELING
SORRY FOR
YOURSELF. HOW
ABOUT YOU START
WITH THAT?

YOU
SCREWED THIS
UP--BAD--SO
YOU NEED TO BE
THE ONE TO
FIX IT.

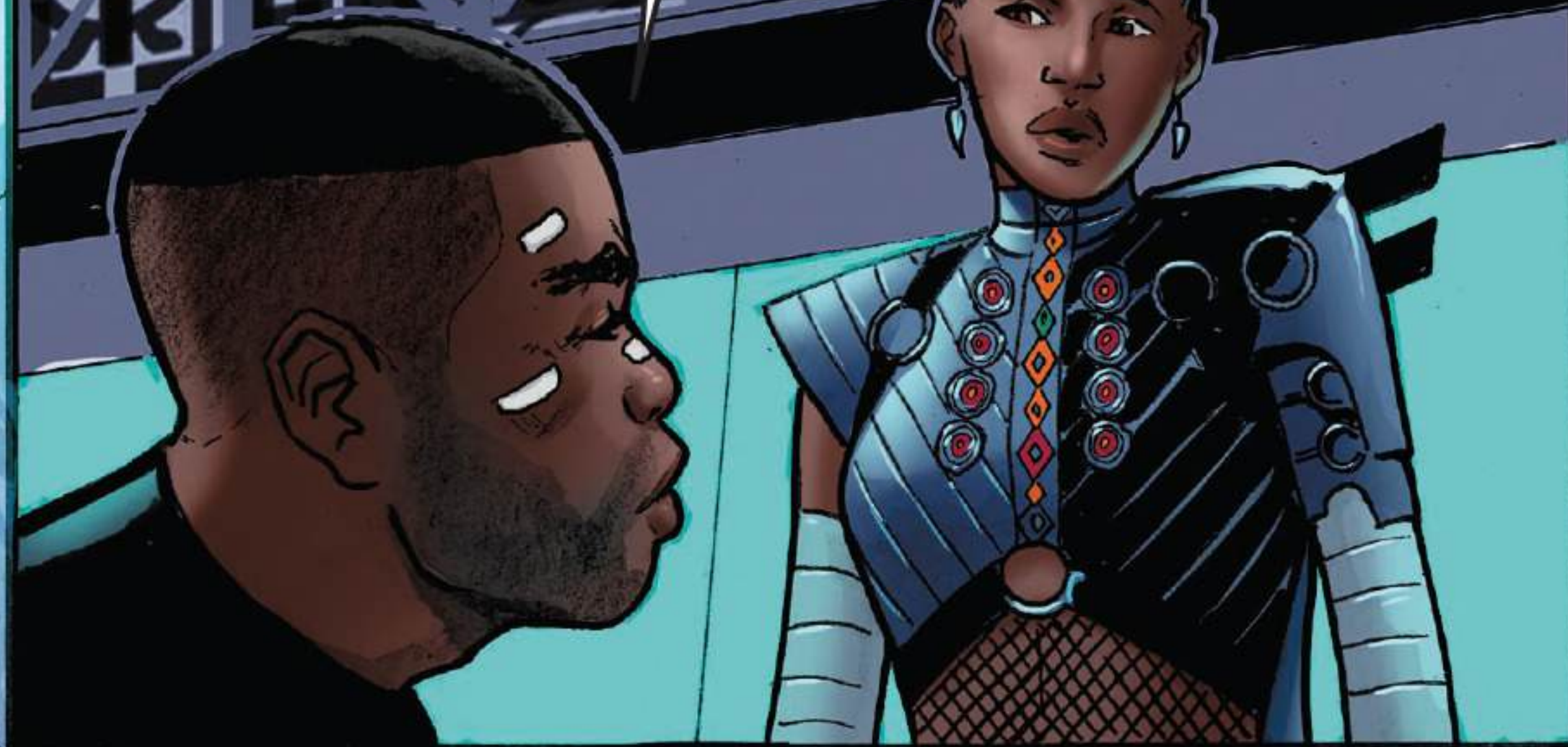
THERE IS NO WAY TO FIX IT. JHAI'S OUTTHOUGHT ME, AND HE CAN OUTFIGHT THE AVENGERS AND, FRANKLY, ANY HERO I EVER COLLECTED DATA ON.

WHAT ABOUT SOME HEROES YOU HAVEN'T BEEN COLLECTING DATA ON? I MEAN, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SPYING ON EVERYBODY.



HAVE YOU?

...UHHH...



WAIT... YOU HAVE?

PRETTY MUCH.



WOW.

THERE'S NO POINT IN SOMETHING LIKE KILLSWITCH IF YOU CAN'T THROW ALL THE SWITCHES.

...WOOWOOW-OW-OW-OW-OW...



HOLD UP... WE NEED FIGHTERS YOU HAVEN'T COLLECTED DATA ON--

WE?

YES. WE. I'M GUESSING YOU WEREN'T COLLECTING DATA ON ME, AND IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, JUST SAY "NO, I WASN'T."

NO, I WASN'T.



'KAY, SO ME IS ONE. WE NEED SOME MORE SOLDIERS YOU HAVEN'T PROFILED, WHO AREN'T ON JHAI'S RADAR AND WHO'D BE WILLING TO FIGHT AT YOUR SIDE.

IF THEY EXIST, IT'S A SHORT LIST.



THEY'RE OUT THERE, BUT YOU NEED TO PUT ON YOUR BEST "I'M SO SORRY FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU" FACE.

KRAKOA.

I AM SO SORRY FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU, GENTLE.

YOU TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME, T'CHALLA. ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING. EVEN THOUGH I SERVED YOU, I'M STILL LOOKED DOWN ON BY WAKANDA. AND THE X-MEN...

DID THEY EXPEL YOU? IS THAT WHY YOU'RE LIVING OUT HERE BY YOURSELF?



I'M OUT HERE BECAUSE, DESPITE MY BETRAYALS, STORM FORGIVES ME. BUT SHAME WON'T LET ME LOOK HER MERCY IN THE EYE. SO, FOR THE TIME BEING, I'VE REMOVED MYSELF FROM HER VISION.

THERE'S A WAY BACK FOR YOU, GENTLE. HELP US FIGHT JHAI.



HELPING YOU IS THE REASON I HURT STORM. AND I'LL TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, SHE LEADS WITH A COMPASSION YOU NEVER OWNED.



WELL...I CERTAINLY SET THE BAR LOW, DIDN'T I?

GENTLE...BEFORE, YOU WERE JUST A BODYGUARD TO MY DECEPTIONS. THIS TIME, YOU'LL HAVE PURPOSE. AND NOT MINE. TRUE PURPOSE. STANDING UP TO AN AUTHORITARIAN. STANDING UP TO THE RULE OF ONE MAN.



BASICALLY, STANDING AGAINST EVERYTHING YOU USED TO STAND FOR.



I NEVER SAW MYSELF AS A DICTATOR. BUT IN THE END, IT'S NOT ABOUT INTENT. IT'S ABOUT RESULTS. AND EVERYTHING I'VE DONE HAS RESULTED IN OPPRESSION.

I'M ASKING YOU...WE'RE ASKING YOU: FOR THE WORLD'S SAKE...

STORY, WYOMING.



...HELP US.

BASICALLY, YES.

YAH WANT US TO HELP YAH GIT RID OF THIS FRIEND OF YERS WHO'S NOT YER FRIEND BUT IS YER WORST ENEMY, BUT ONLY GOT TO BE YER WORST ENEMY 'CAUSE YAH HELPED MAKE HIM INTA AN ASSASSIN-WARRIOR-TYPE FELLA WHO'S TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TAH TELL YAH, MR. 'CHALLA. YOU ARE ONE STRANGE MAN.

AS BUFFALO SOLDIER, I NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT THE CHOICES I MAKE AFTER THROVIN' IN WITH THE LIKES OF THE COLONIALIST.



AND WHILE I AND A FEW OF THE COLONIALIST'S EMANCIPATED EXES HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY AND START NEW LIVES ON YOUR HUMBLE ORB, I KNOW THEY ARE GOOD-HEARTED AND NOT REALLY GIVEN TO VIOLENCE.

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HMMM. NONE OF MY TRANSLATOR PROGRAMS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO INTERPRET THEIR LANGUAGE.

***"REMEMBER WHEN WE FINALLY GOT TO CLAW THE COLONIALIST TO DEATH?"

***"ARE YOU KIDDING? RIPPING HIS ARM OUT OF ITS SOCKET PLAYS ON AN INFINITE LOOP IN MY HEAD."



BUT GENTLE SOULS THAT THEY ARE, I'M SURE THEY-- SAME AS ME--ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IS GOOD AND RIGHT.

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***"DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSECT THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE!"

"I HAVE NO INTEREST IN A WORD THAT YOU ARE SAYING."



YOU HAVE NO INTEREST? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ALWAYS GOES AROUND CALLING HIMSELF "THE WAKANDAN." WAKANDA ISN'T FREE AS LONG AS A TERRORIST HOLDS THE WORLD HOSTAGE.

TERRORIST? JHAI IS NOT A TERRORIST.



JHAI WAS YOUR SLEEPER AGENT. YOUR ASSASSIN-IN-WAITING.

BEFORE THE TWO OF YOU WERE AT WAR, IT WAS YOU AND AKILI. BEFORE THAT, IT WAS YOU AND KILLMONGER.

YOU ARE THE PROBLEM, T'CHALLA. ME HELPING YOU STOP JHAI DOESN'T CHANGE THAT.



YOU'RE NOT WRONG, TOSIN. I LOVE MY BROTHER, BUT TRUTH IS, FOR ALL HE'S ACCOMPLISHED...FOR ALL THE GOOD I BELIEVE HE HAS YET TO DO, T'CHALLA...HE'S PART OF THE LEGACY OF THE PAST.

YOU'RE THE FUTURE.



BUT ALL OF US HAVE GOT TO FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE. NOT JUST WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT, NOT JUST WHEN IT FITS OUR WORLDVIEW.

IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO DO THAT, THEN DON'T CALL YOURSELF THE WAKANDAN. YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER NOBODY WHO DID NOTHING WHEN THE WORLD NEEDED HELP.

YOU MAKE A COMPELLING CASE.

THE TRUTH IS FUNNY LIKE THAT.

I WILL FIGHT FOR--

YES, WE KNOW. "THE ONE, TRUE WAKANDA."

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS...THERE'S NO OTHER WAY THAN TO JUST SAY IT."



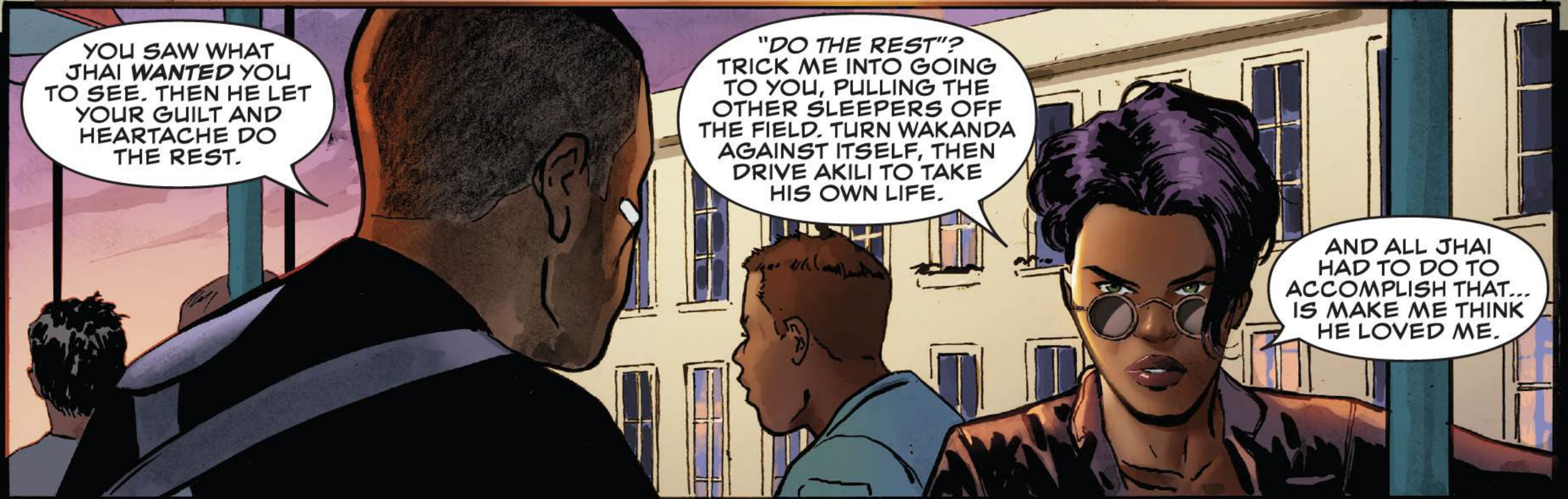
JHAI IS ALIVE.

THIRD WARD,
MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN.



THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE. I SAW HIM KILLED. I SAW HIM BLOWN IN HALF.

...DIDN'T I?



YOU SAW WHAT JHAI WANTED YOU TO SEE. THEN HE LET YOUR GUILT AND HEARTACHE DO THE REST.

"DO THE REST"? TRICK ME INTO GOING TO YOU, PULLING THE OTHER SLEEPERS OFF THE FIELD. TURN WAKANDA AGAINST ITSELF, THEN DRIVE AKILI TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE.

AND ALL JHAI HAD TO DO TO ACCOMPLISH THAT... IS MAKE ME THINK HE LOVED ME.



I LOVED HIM TOO. BUT THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL ELSE.



OMOLOLA...JHAI BELIEVES HE'S DOING THE WORLD A FAVOR BY IMPOSING PEACE. A PERVERTED VERSION OF MY LEADERSHIP.

I THINK YOUR STYLE OF LEADERSHIP WAS PRETTY PERVERTED ON ITS OWN.

LOOK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SELL ME. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE JHAI OUT, I'M DOWN FOR IT.



BUT I TOLD YOU WAY BEFORE: I WANTED TO BE THE ONE TO TAKE THE HEAD OF THE PERSON WHO KILLED JHAI.

AND SINCE HE "KILLED" HIMSELF...

THESE ARE THE THREE DATA CENTERS IN OSAKA, RENO TAHOE AND WALES. THEY'RE HEAVILY ARMED, BUT THE ARMS ARE CALIBRATED FOR KNOWN THREATS. OTHER THAN OMOLOLA, NONE OF YOU OR YOUR ABILITIES ARE KNOWN BY JHAI.

EVEN WITH REDUCED FIREPOWER, THEY'VE GOT THE NUMBERS. IT'S GOING TO BE A ROUGH FIGHT.

I FIGURE WHEN WE ATTACK, AS RETRIBUTION, JHAI'LL TRY TO DUMP A "HIROSHIMA CODE" INTO THE DATA STREAM.

IT WOULD FLOW THROUGH THE INTERNET AND CORRUPT EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES. HE'LL SEND CIVILIZATION BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES.

WE HAVE TO DEPLOY DIGITAL MINE SWEEPERS OUT OF THE RANGE OF THE DATA CENTERS. THEY CAN REWRITE A HIROSHIMA CODE AND KEEP IT FROM GOING OFF.

ON THE CHANCE THIS JHAI FELLA HAS SOMETHING ELSE UP HIS SLEEVE BESIDES THAT THERE HI-RO-SHI-MA THING, OR IF YER SWEEPERS DON'T WORK...

GOOD TAH KNOW. WE'D BE KINDA SCREWED.

YOU'RE MORE SCREWED THAN YOU KNOW. TELL ME...

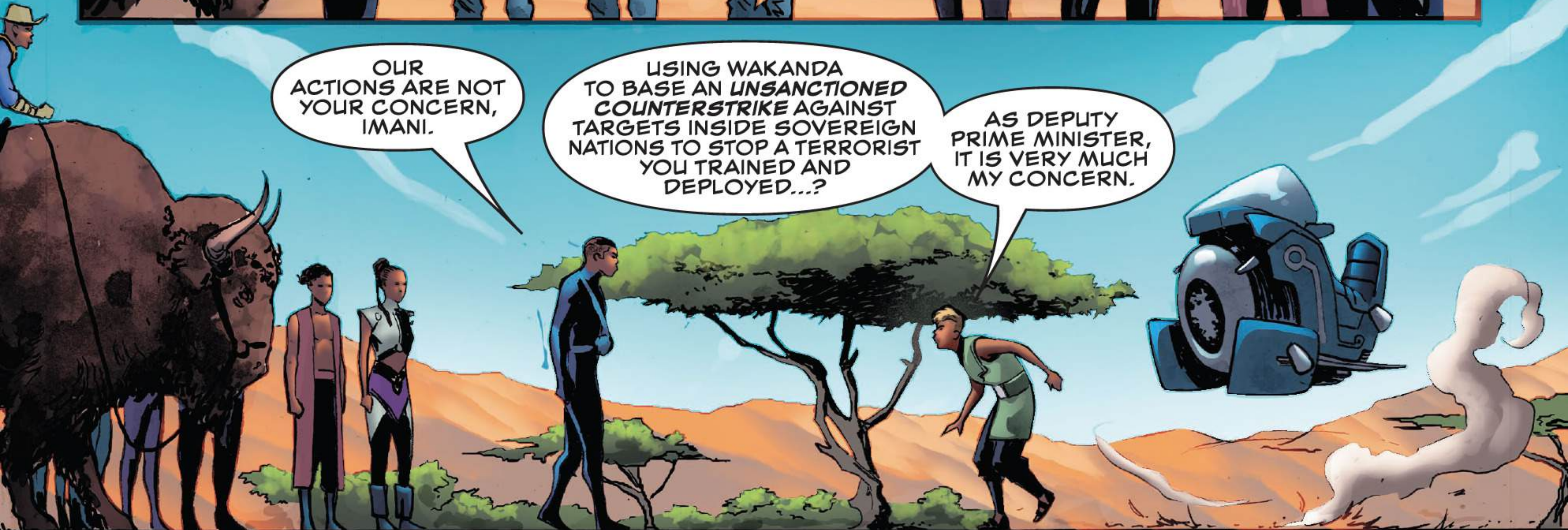


...WHAT THE HELL DO YOU ALL THINK YOU'RE DOING?

OUR ACTIONS ARE NOT YOUR CONCERN, IMANI.

USING WAKANDA TO BASE AN **UNSANCTIONED COUNTERSTRIKE** AGAINST TARGETS INSIDE SOVEREIGN NATIONS TO STOP A TERRORIST YOU TRAINED AND DEPLOYED...?

AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, IT IS VERY MUCH MY CONCERN.



ARE YOU SHUTTING US DOWN?

I'M COMING WITH YOU.

THIS MESS IS YOUR FAULT. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT MAKES WAKANDA CULPABLE.

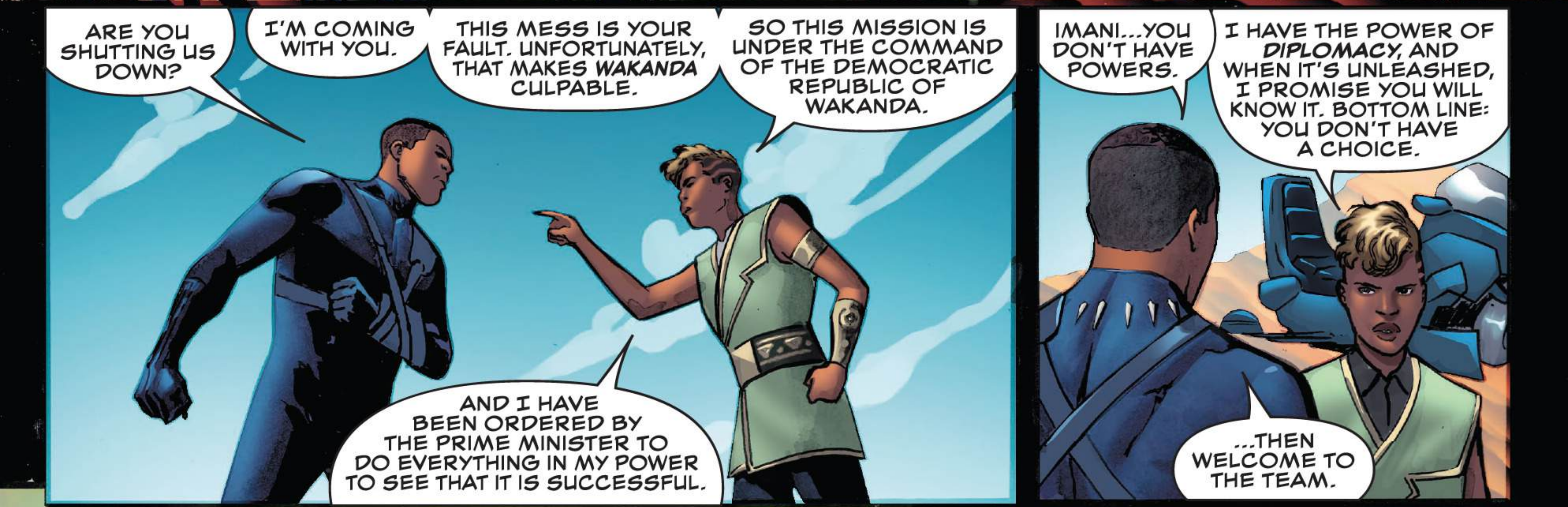
SO THIS MISSION IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA.

IMANI...YOU DON'T HAVE POWERS.

I HAVE THE POWER OF **DIPLOMACY**, AND WHEN IT'S UNLEASHED, I PROMISE YOU WILL KNOW IT. BOTTOM LINE: YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

AND I HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO SEE THAT IT IS SUCCESSFUL.

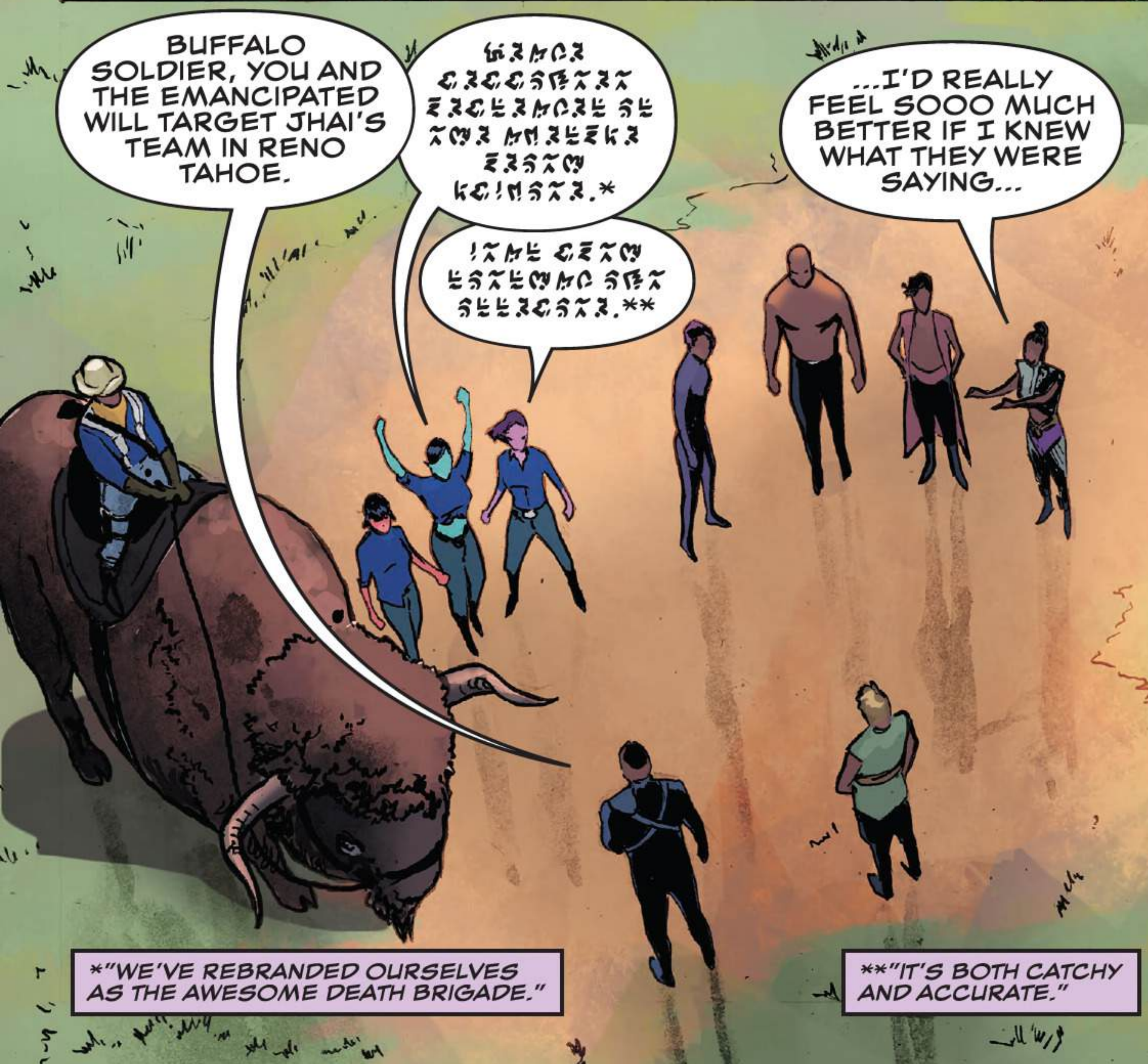
...THEN WELCOME TO THE TEAM.



BUFFALO SOLDIER, YOU AND THE EMANCIPATED WILL TARGET JHAI'S TEAM IN RENO TAHOE.

WAKANDA
IS THE BEST
PLACE TO
BE. WE
ARE THE
BEST.
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WAKANDA
IS THE BEST
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BE. WE
ARE THE
BEST.

...I'D REALLY FEEL SOOO MUCH BETTER IF I KNEW WHAT THEY WERE SAYING...



*"WE'VE REBRANDED OURSELVES AS THE AWESOME DEATH BRIGADE."

**"IT'S BOTH CATCHY AND ACCURATE."

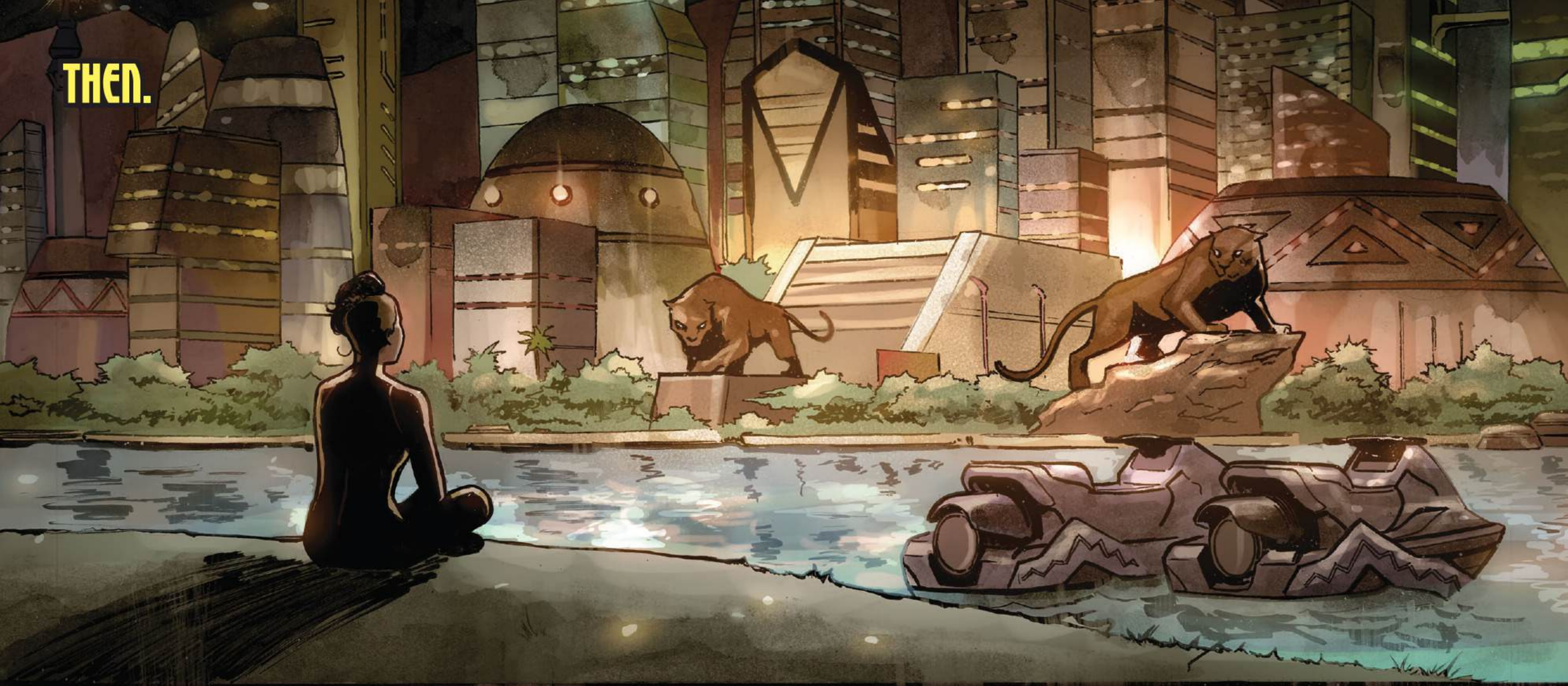
SHURI, GENTLE AND TOSIN, YOU'VE GOT WALES. OMOLOLA, IMANI AND I WILL TAKE JHAI IN OSAKA.







THEN.





...WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?

BIRNIN ZANA.

BIRNIN ZANA, WAKANDA...THEY'RE THE PAST. OUR PAST.



OUT THERE IS THE FUTURE.

OUT THERE IS A FUTURE, JHAI...



...BUT A FUTURE WITHOUT YOU.



WE CAN'T. WHEN YOU AND I DO THIS--

"THIS"?

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. WHEN WE GIVE IN TO OUR EMOTIONS, WE BOTH FEEL THE SAME: LIKE WE'RE BEING UNFAITHFUL TO HIM. UNFAITHFUL TO...



JHAI, OMOLOLA...



...YOU'RE
EARLY.

CONSIDERING
THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
T'CHALLA, WE DIDN'T
WISH TO BE LATE.



IF EITHER
OF YOU ARE
HAVING SECOND
THOUGHTS...

THERE'S
NOTHING TO
RECONSIDER.

I'M ASKING
YOU TO GIVE UP
YOUR LIVES.



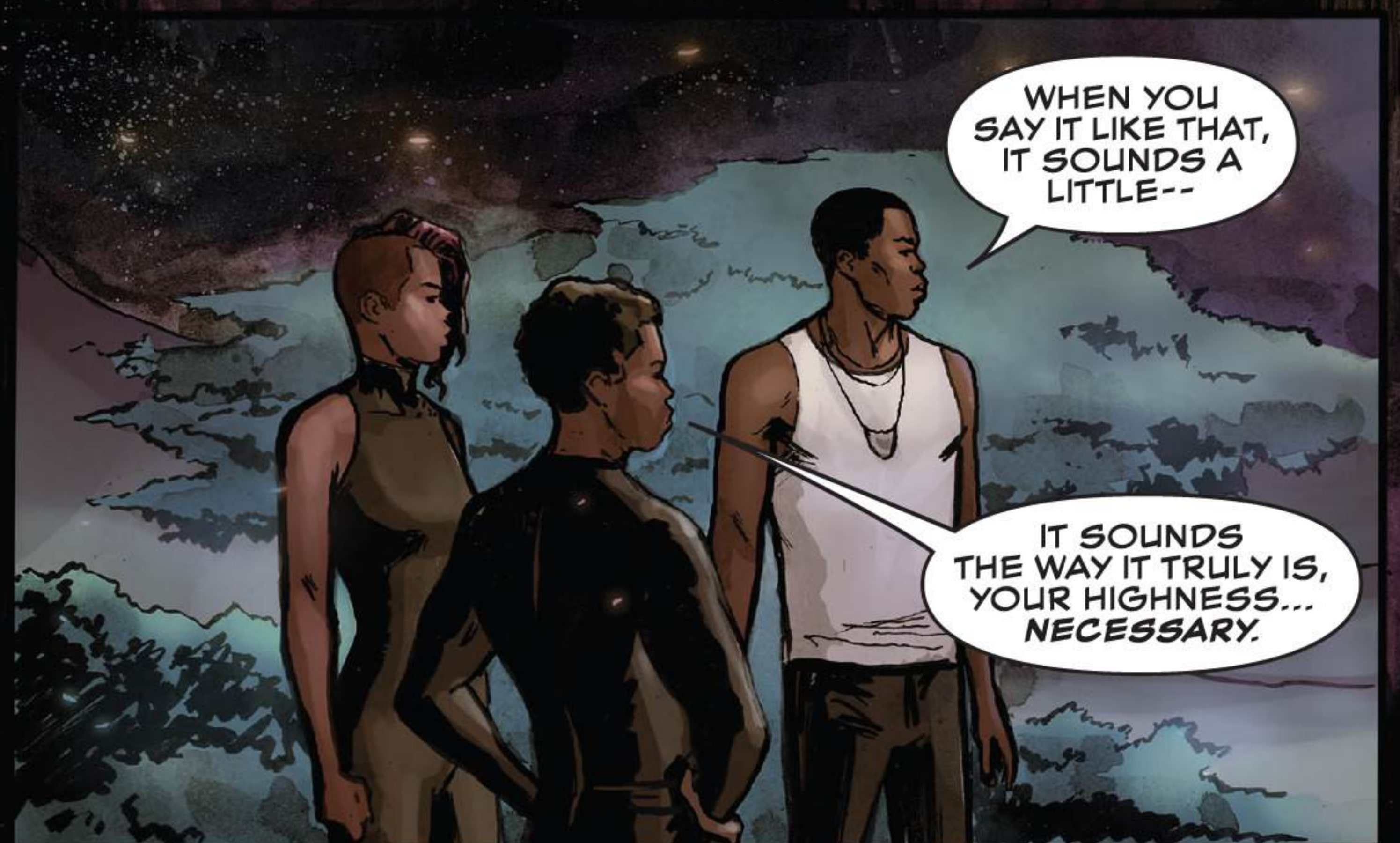
JHAI, MYSELF...
YOUR OTHER *SLEEPER*
AGENTS--WE'VE ALREADY
DONE THAT. THE REST OF
WAKANDA THINKS WE'RE
DEAD AND BURIED.

WHAT
YOU'RE DOING
FOR ME--



WE ARE
ENSURING THE
PRIMACY OF
WAKANDA AND
THAT THE WORLD
LIVES IN
PEACE.

EVEN IF IT
MUST ACCEPT
PEACE BY
FORCE.



WHEN YOU
SAY IT LIKE THAT,
IT SOUNDS A
LITTLE--

IT SOUNDS
THE WAY IT TRULY IS,
YOUR HIGHNESS...
NECESSARY.



THEN LET'S
NOT MAKE THIS
A LONG GOODBYE.
THE TRUTH IS THAT
YOU, ME AND JHAI WILL
NEVER SEE EACH
OTHER AGAIN. BUT
AS LONG AS WE
DON'T...



"...WE KNOW YOUR
PLAN IS WORKING,
T'CHALLA."

YOU'LL
MISS HER.

...OF
COURSE I'LL
MISS OMOLOLA.
SHE'S A GOOD
FRIEND.



SHE'S
MORE THAN
A FRIEND TO
YOU, JHAI.

MY...FEELINGS
ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL
COMPARED TO THIS MISSION.
WE KNOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL
WE CAN NEVER SEE EACH
OTHER AGAIN.

BUT IN
SERVICE TO
WAKANDA...



...WE ARE
PREPARED TO
SAY GOODBYE
TO ALL WE
LOVE.



FAREWELL,
MY KING.

NOW.

JHAI...

OSAKA DATA CENTER.

...THERE'S
NO SIGN OF
T'CHALLA.

I WANT
EVERYONE
ON HIGH ALERT.
T'CHALLA WILL
COME FOR
US.

EVEN IF HE TRIES
TO ATTACK US--

NOT IF.
WHEN.

IT'S T'CHALLA. HE'S OUT-
NUMBERED. THE AVENGERS
AND EVERY OTHER HERO
HAVE TURNED THEIR
BACKS ON HIM...

...BUT
HE DOESN'T
KNOW HOW TO
DO ANYTHING
EXCEPT
FIGHT.

BE READY
FOR HIM.

YES,
SIR.

DON'T DO IT, T'CHALLA.
I'VE GIVEN YOU ALL
YOU'VE EVER WANTED.
THE WORLD IS YOURS...

TAKE IT,
MY KING...



...MY
BROTHER.

JHAI...YOU KNOW I'M
COMING FOR YOU. YOU
TOOK EVERYTHING I
STOOD FOR AND
TWISTED IT.

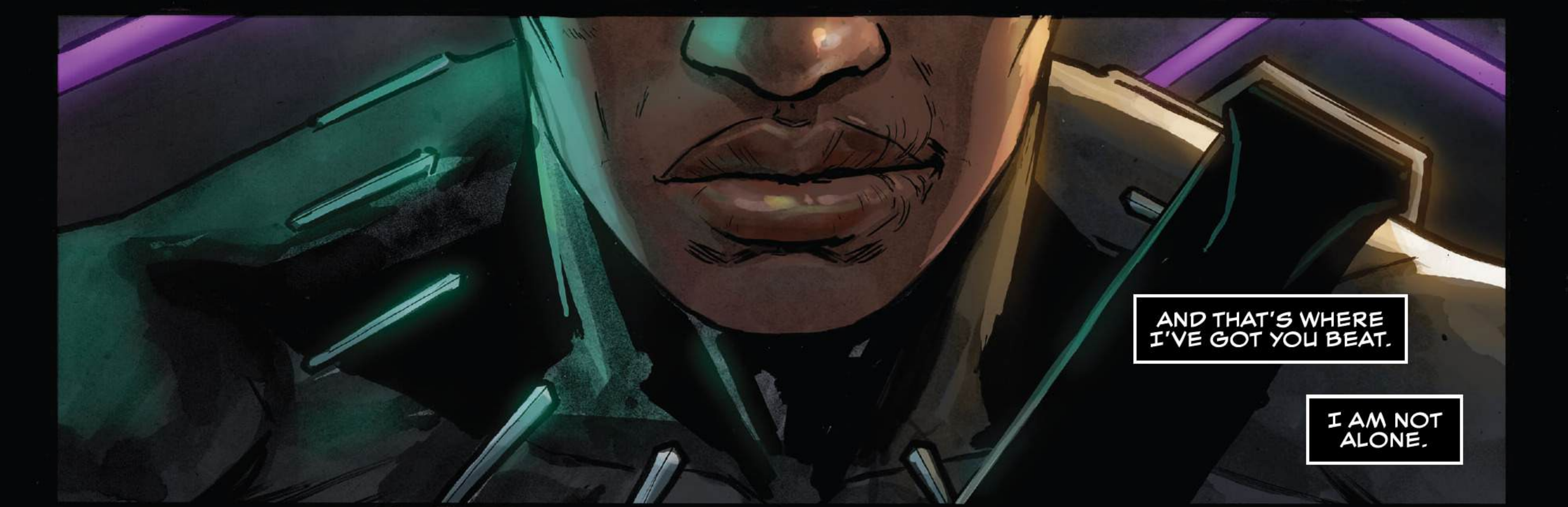


YOU HELD OMOLOLA'S
HEART IN YOUR HAND
AND SHATTERED IT.



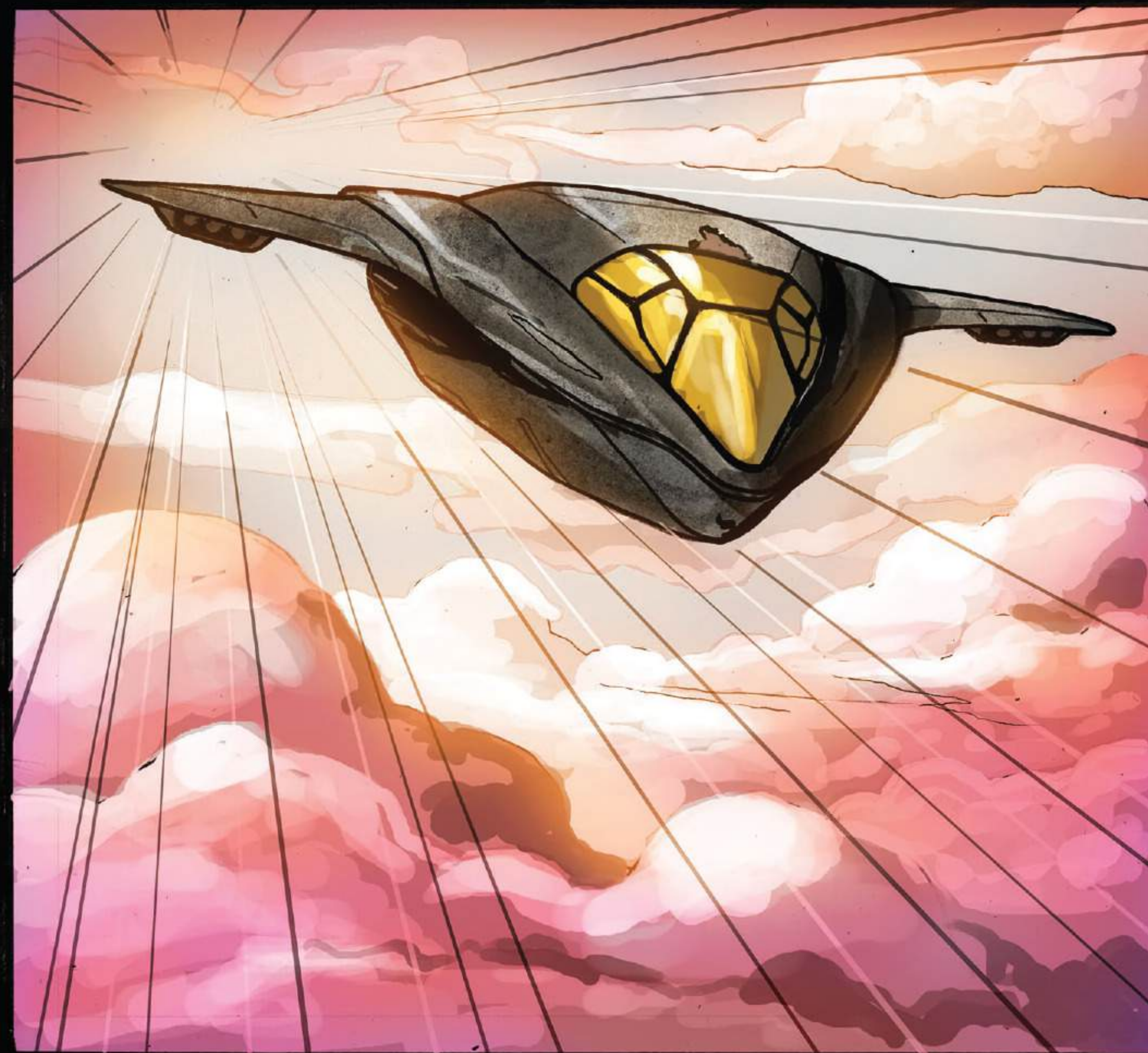
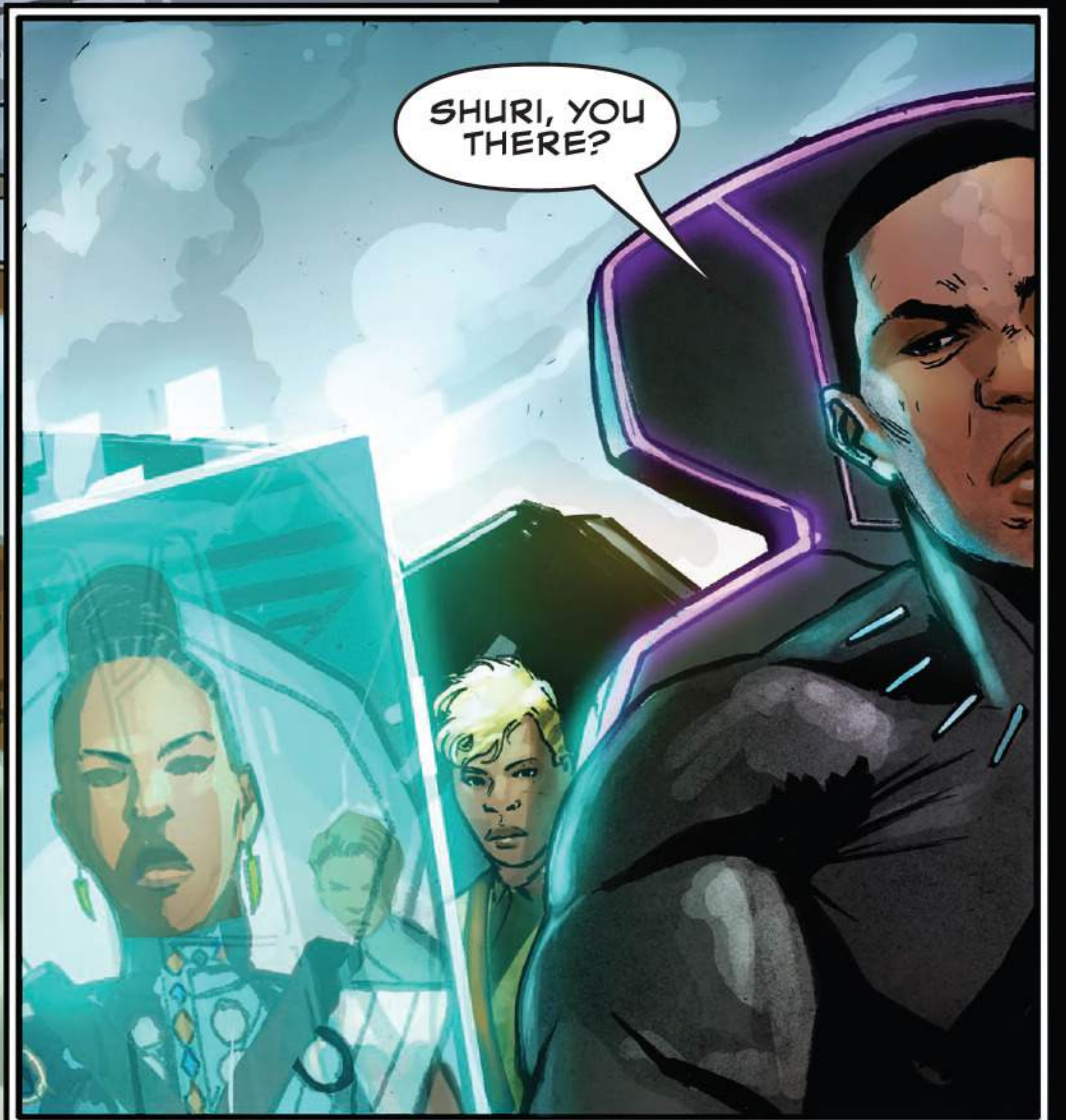
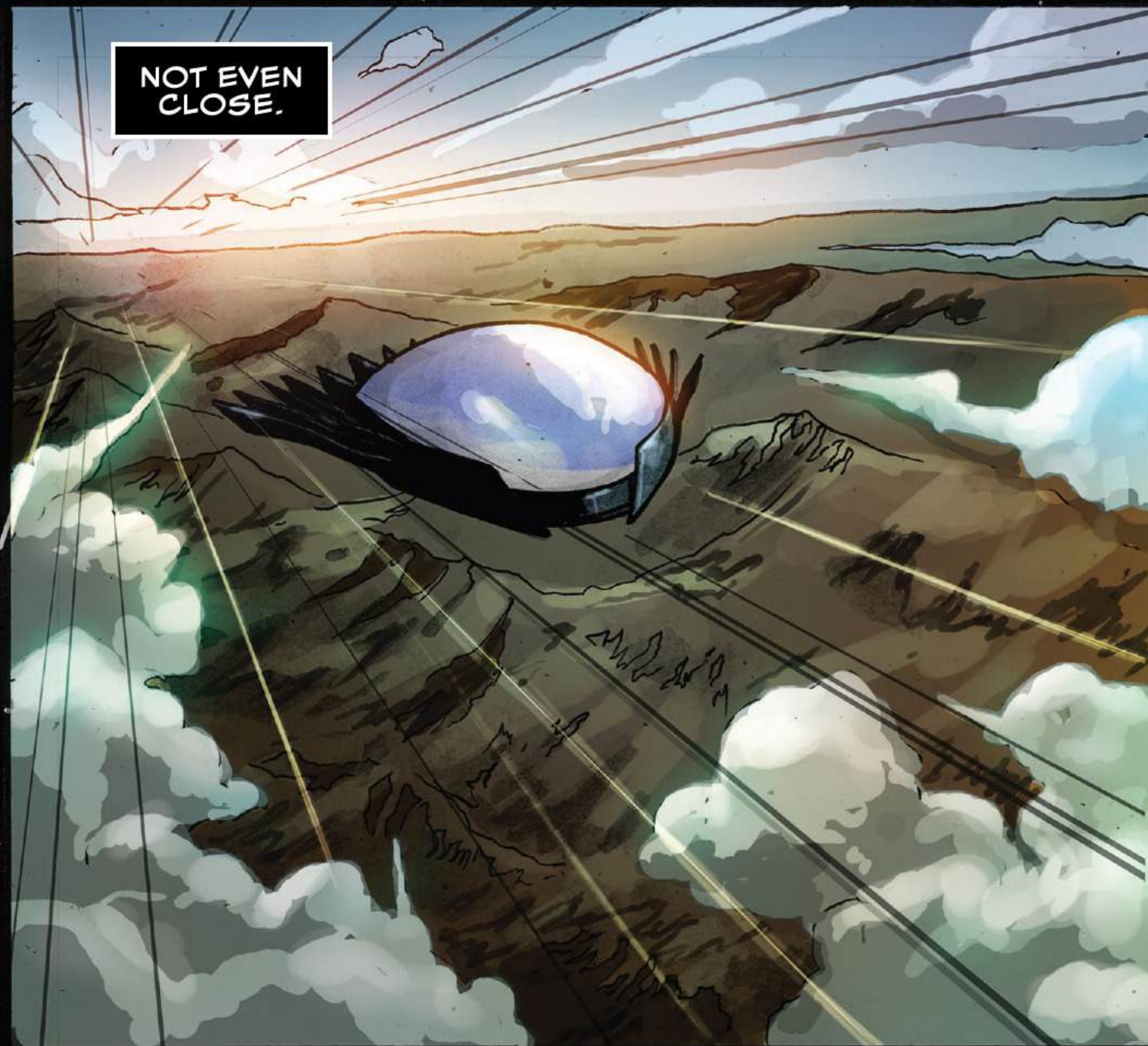
YOU'VE TAKEN
MY FRIENDS,
MY TEAMMATES,
AND TURNED THEM
AGAINST ME.

YOU THINK
I'M ALONE.



AND THAT'S WHERE
I'VE GOT YOU BEAT.

I AM NOT
ALONE.



YOU'RE UP FIRST, SISTER.

AS SOON AS I GET THE DIGITAL FILTER PLANTED, I CAN KEEP JHAI FROM BLOWING UP THE INTERNET.

FROM LITERALLY BLOWING UP THE INTERNET.

GENTLE, DO YOU TRUST HIM?

DO I TRUST T'CHALLA? OF COURSE.

WHY? HE USED YOU. CONVINCED YOU TO DECEIVE STORM...

WHAT I DID, ULTIMATELY, I DID TO MYSELF. I HURT STORM BECAUSE I CHOSE TO BELIEVE IN T'CHALLA'S CAUSE.

WHAT CAUSE? UNILATERAL POWER AT ALL COSTS?

STABILITY AT ALL COSTS. OTHER NATIONS TRY TO DO IT WITH THEIR MILITARIES AND NUCLEAR MISSILES. T'CHALLA TRIED TO DO IT WITH US SLEEPER AGENTS.

IT WASN'T AN EASY DECISION FOR HIM. BUT LEADERSHIP BY ITS NATURE REQUIRES MAKING DIFFICULT CHOICES.

I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER UNDERSTAND THE DECISION T'CHALLA'S MADE.

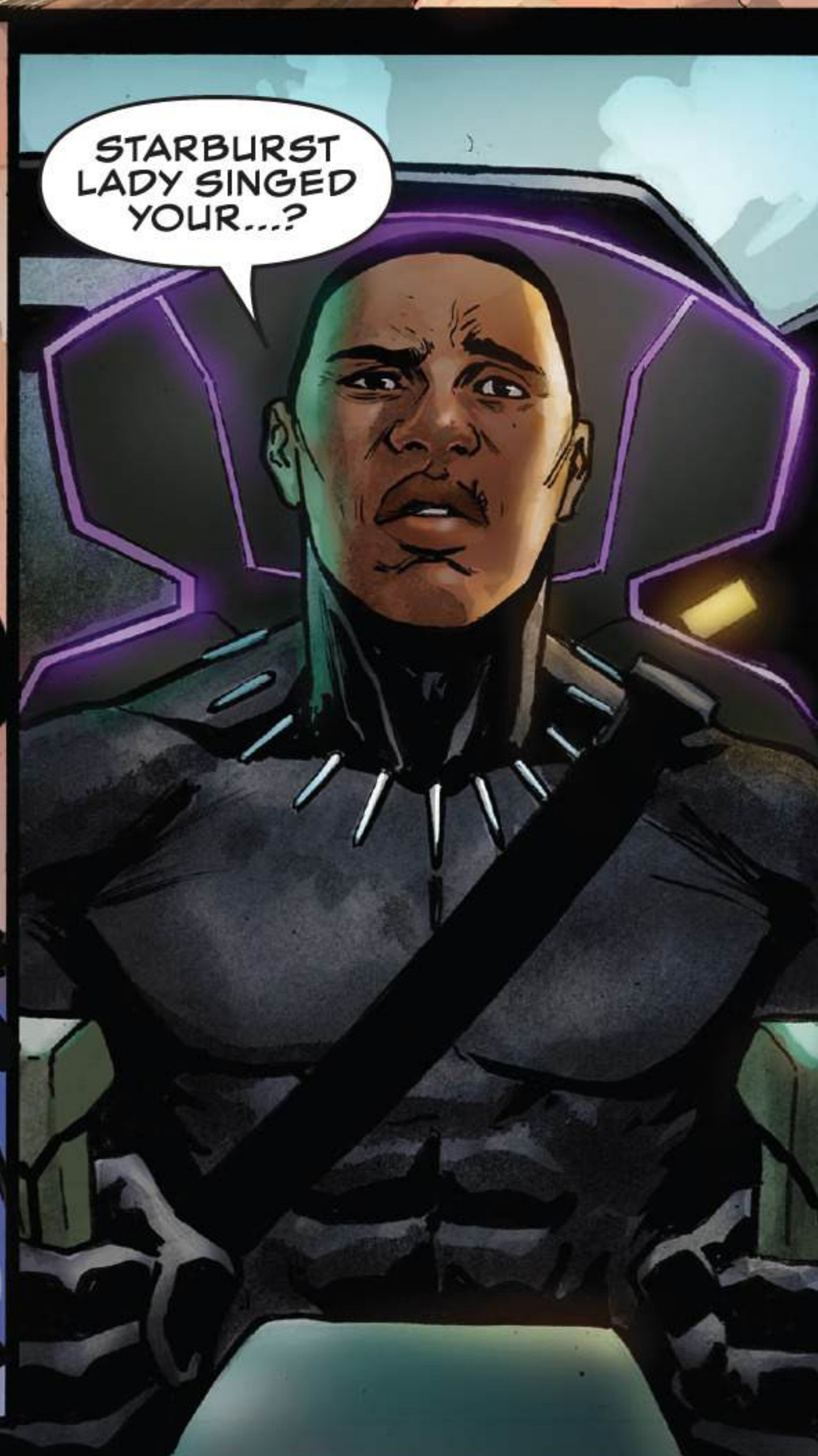
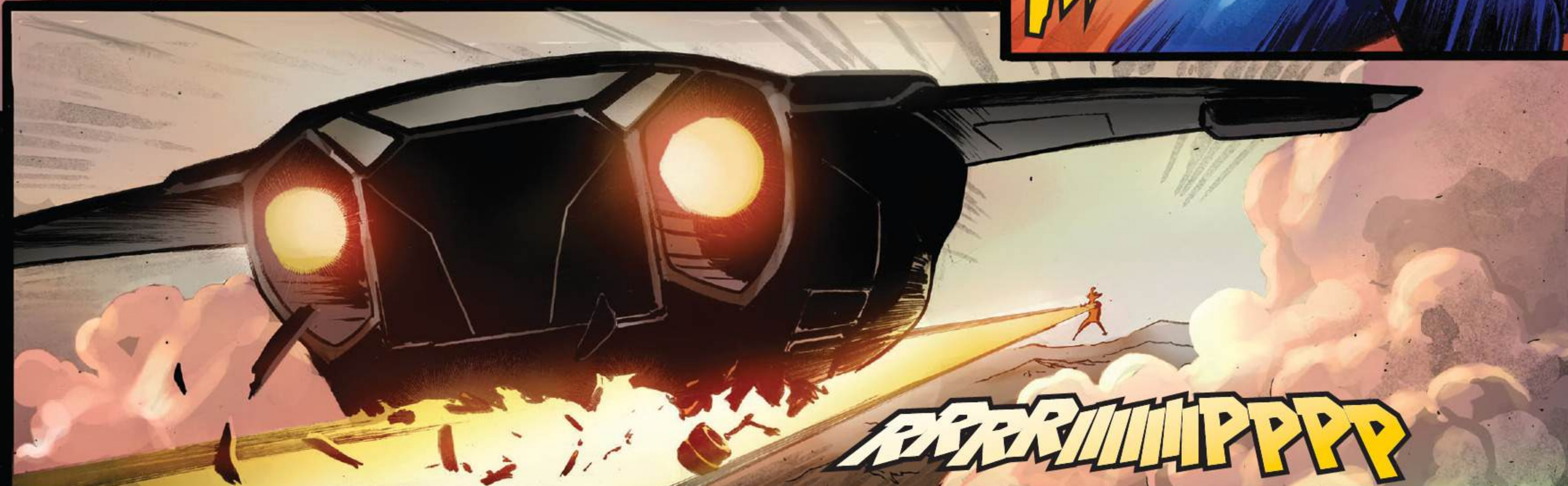
THEN I DON'T THINK YOU'LL EVER HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD. WHICH IS A SHAME.

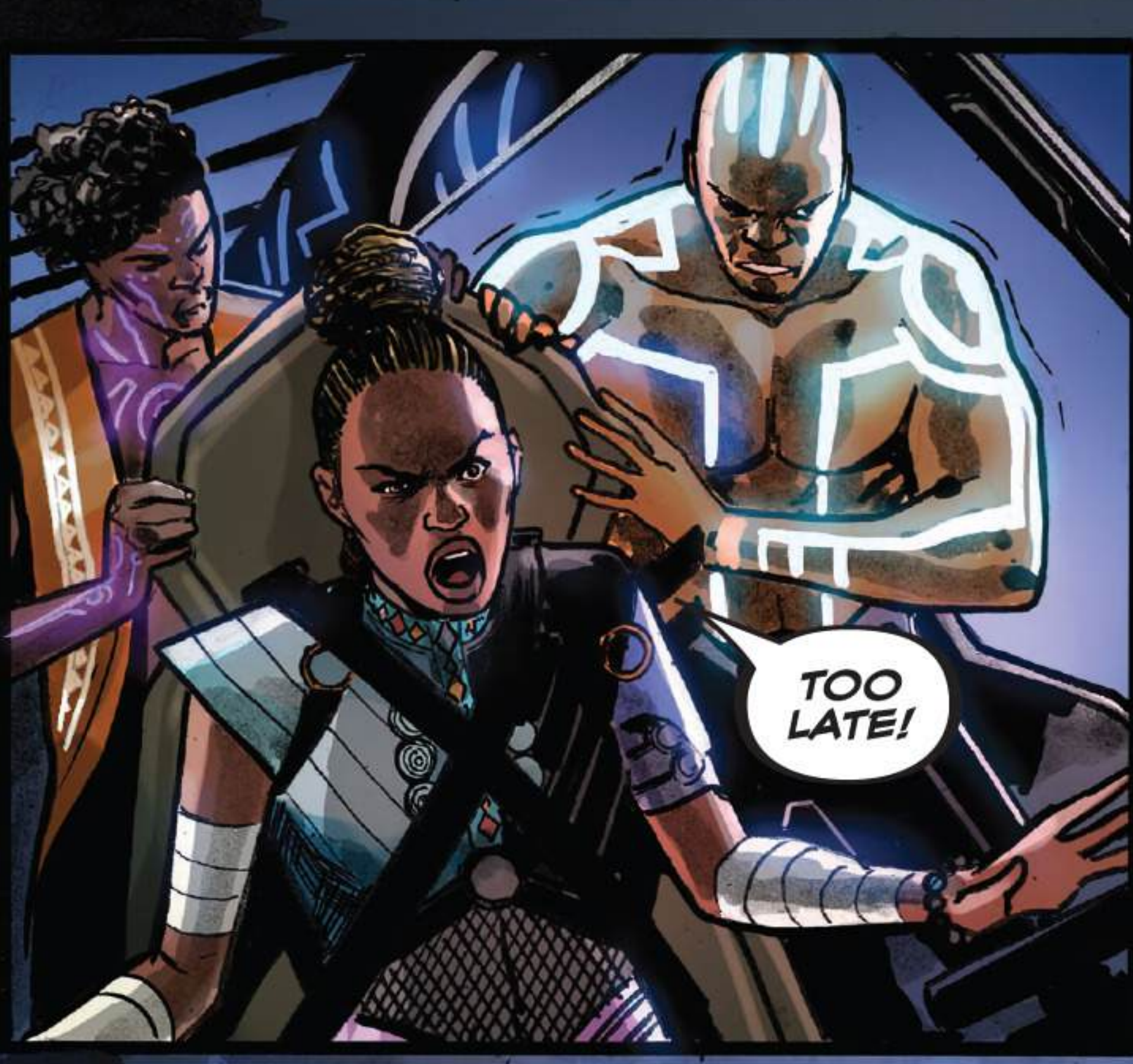
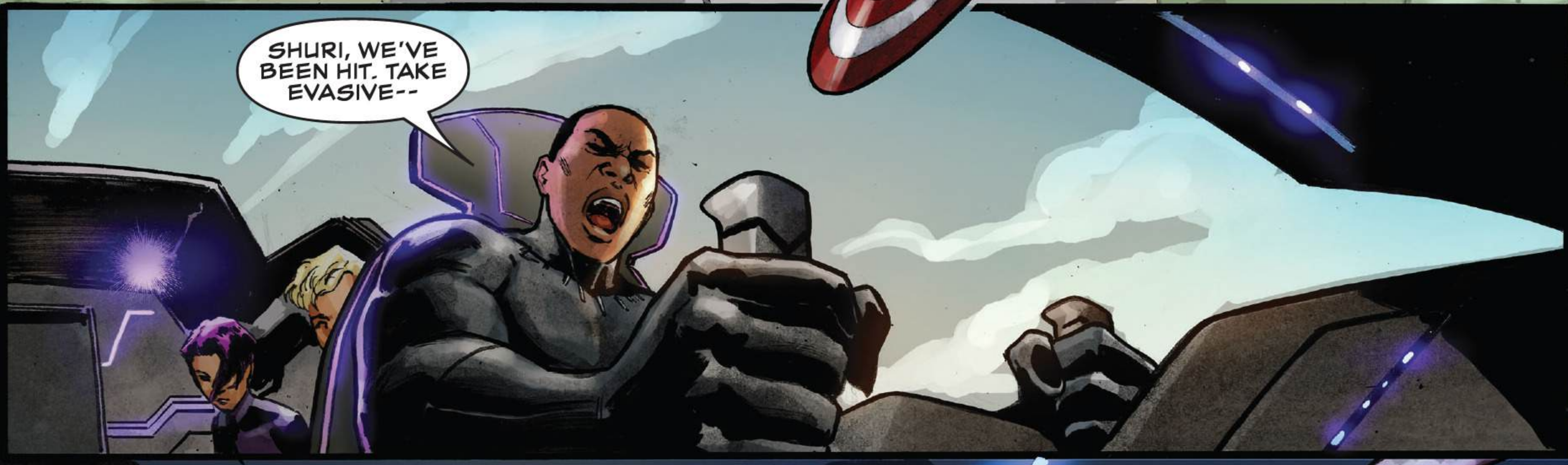
THE WORLD COULD USE SOME FRESH LEADERSHIP.

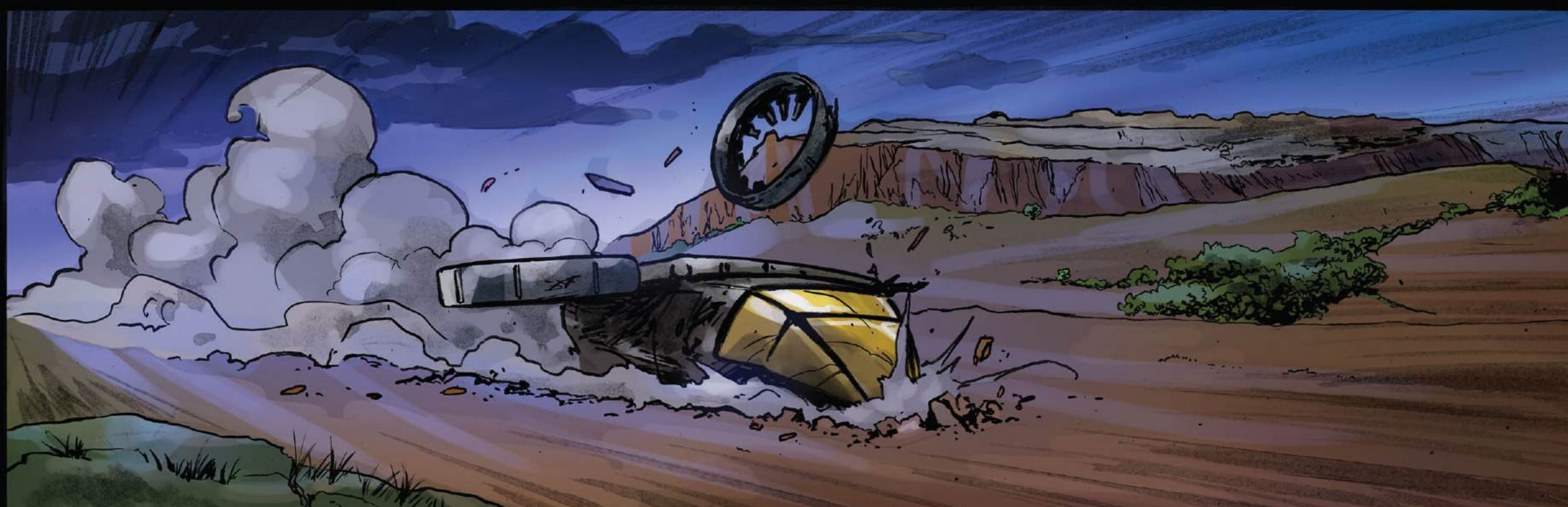
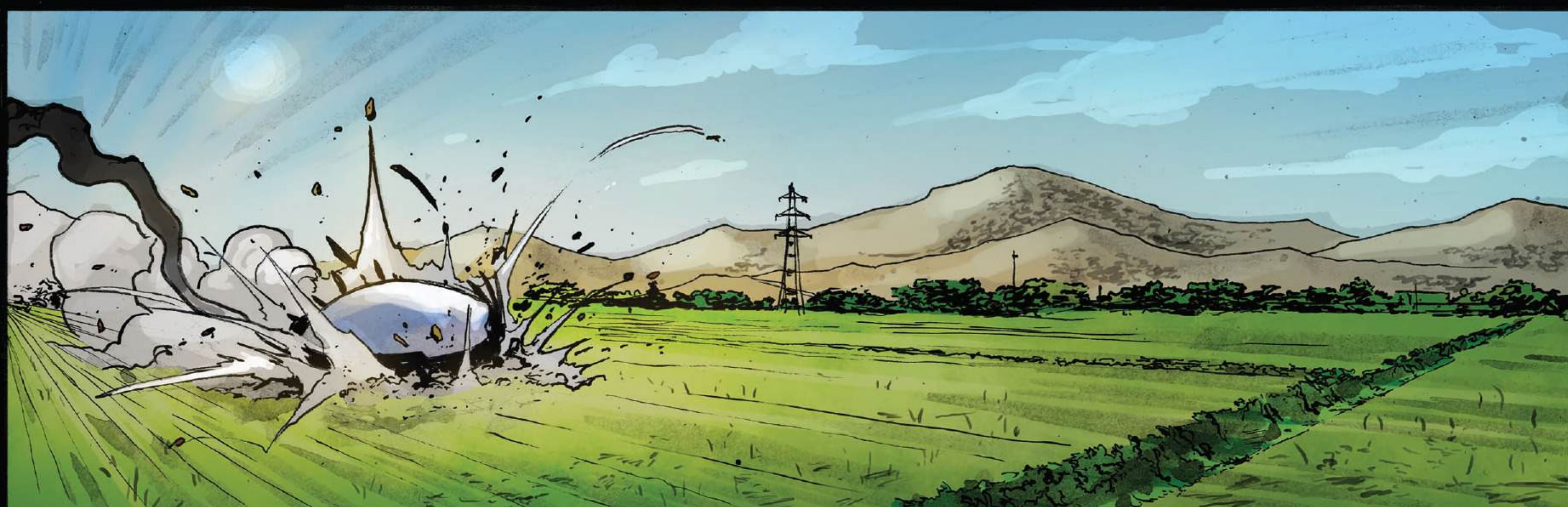
HEY, IF YOU "TAT BROS" ARE DONE COMPARING BODY ART, LET'S PLEASE GET MISSION FOCUSED.

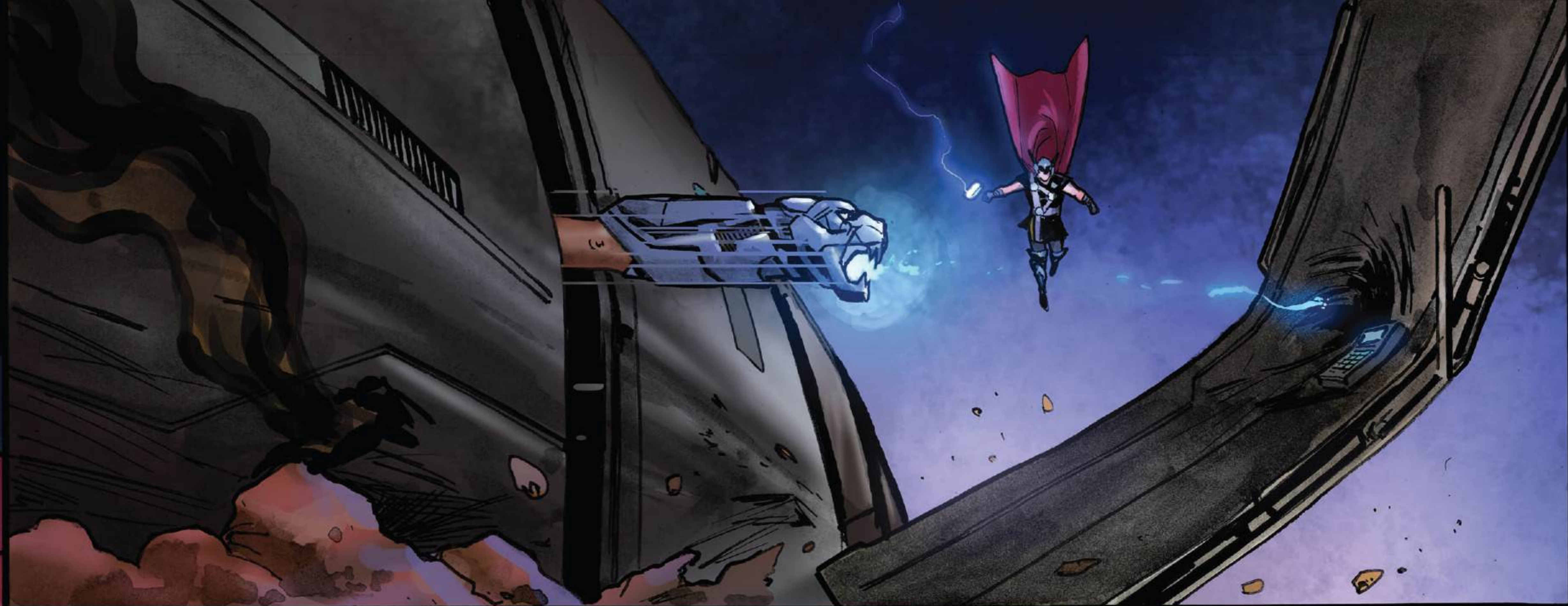
WE WERE NOT COMPARI--

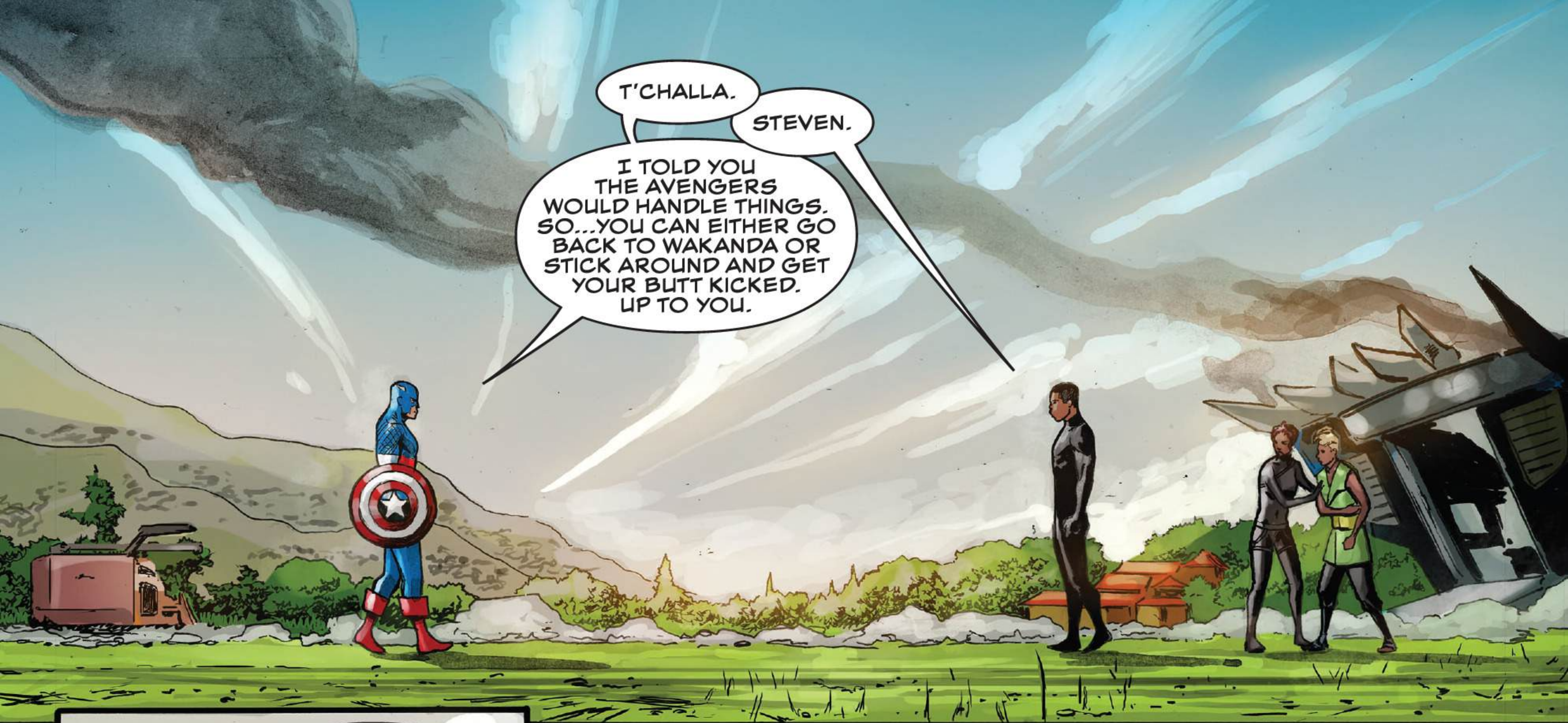
MISSION-- FOCUSED-- PLEASE.











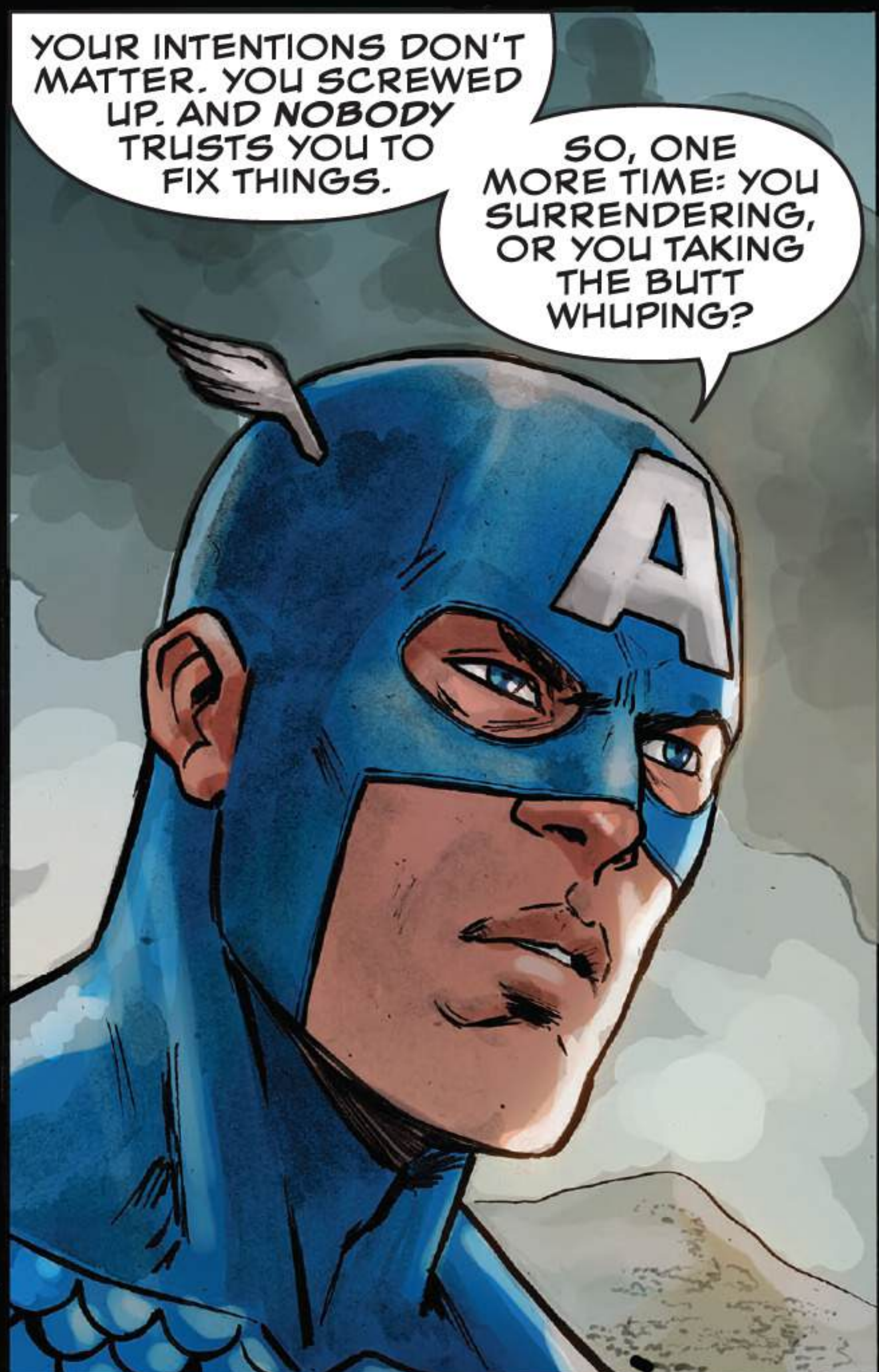
T'CHALLA.
STEVEN.

I TOLD YOU THE AVENGERS WOULD HANDLE THINGS. SO...YOU CAN EITHER GO BACK TO WAKANDA OR STICK AROUND AND GET YOUR BUTT KICKED. UP TO YOU.



PER OUR TREATY, WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS. NOW! SENDING YOU OUR LOCATION.

STEVEN... I'M TRYING TO STOP JHAI AND HIS WARRIORS.
YOU ARE THE REASON JHAI AND HIS WARRIORS EXIST!
THEIR COURSE OF ACTION WAS NEVER MY INTENTION.



YOUR INTENTIONS DON'T MATTER. YOU SCREWED UP. AND NOBODY TRUSTS YOU TO FIX THINGS.

SO, ONE MORE TIME: YOU SURRENDERING, OR YOU TAKING THE BUTT WHUPPING?



IT HAS BEEN BUILDING TO THIS BETWEEN US, STEVEN.

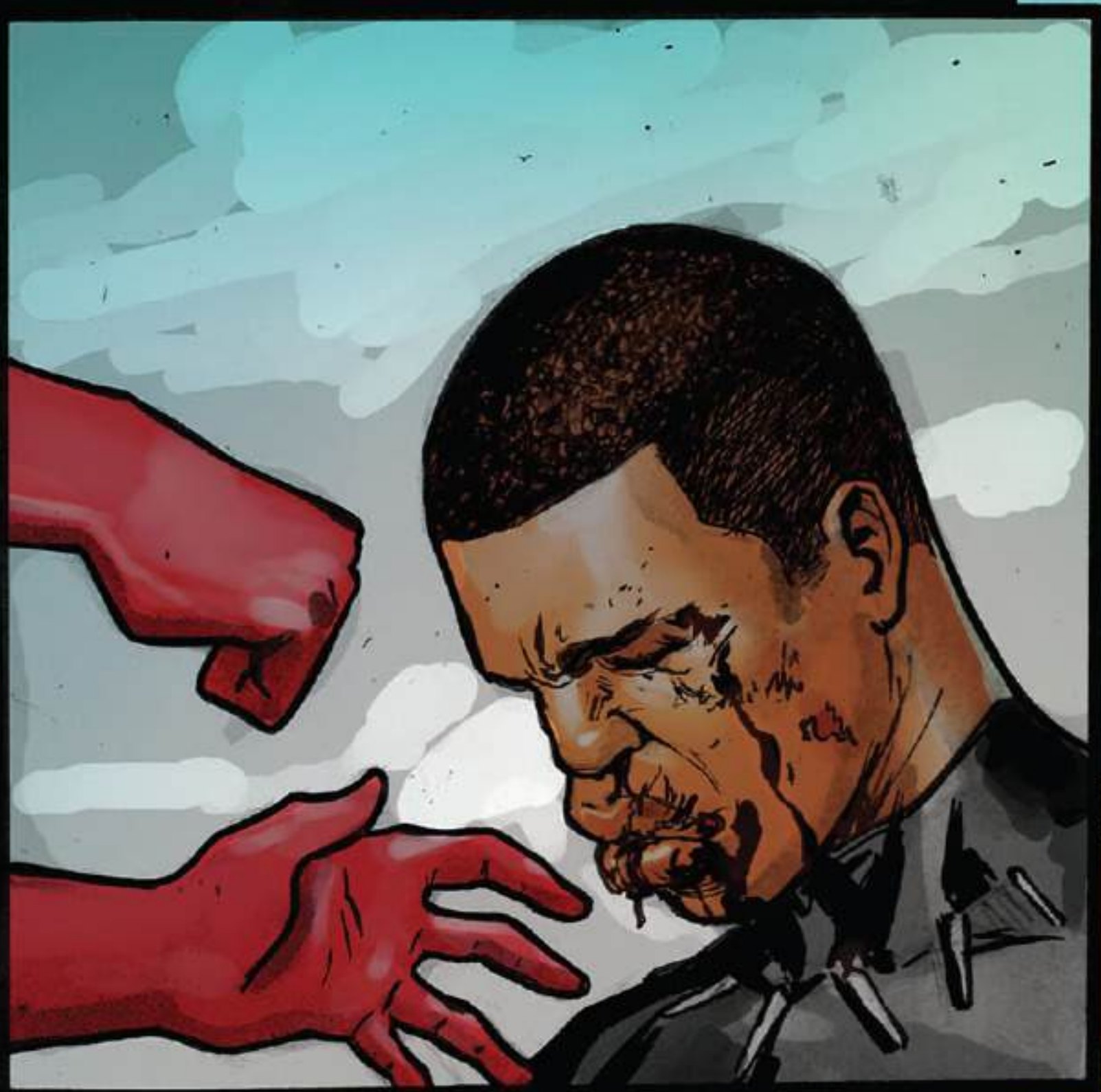
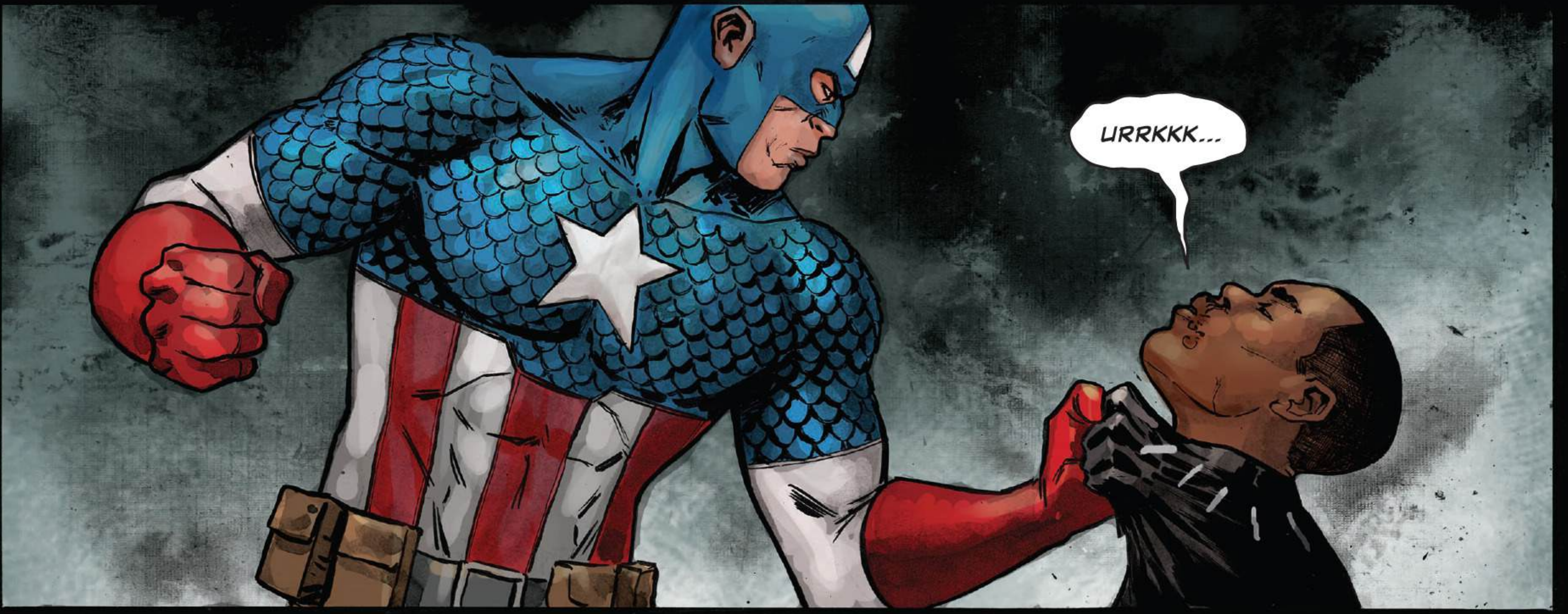


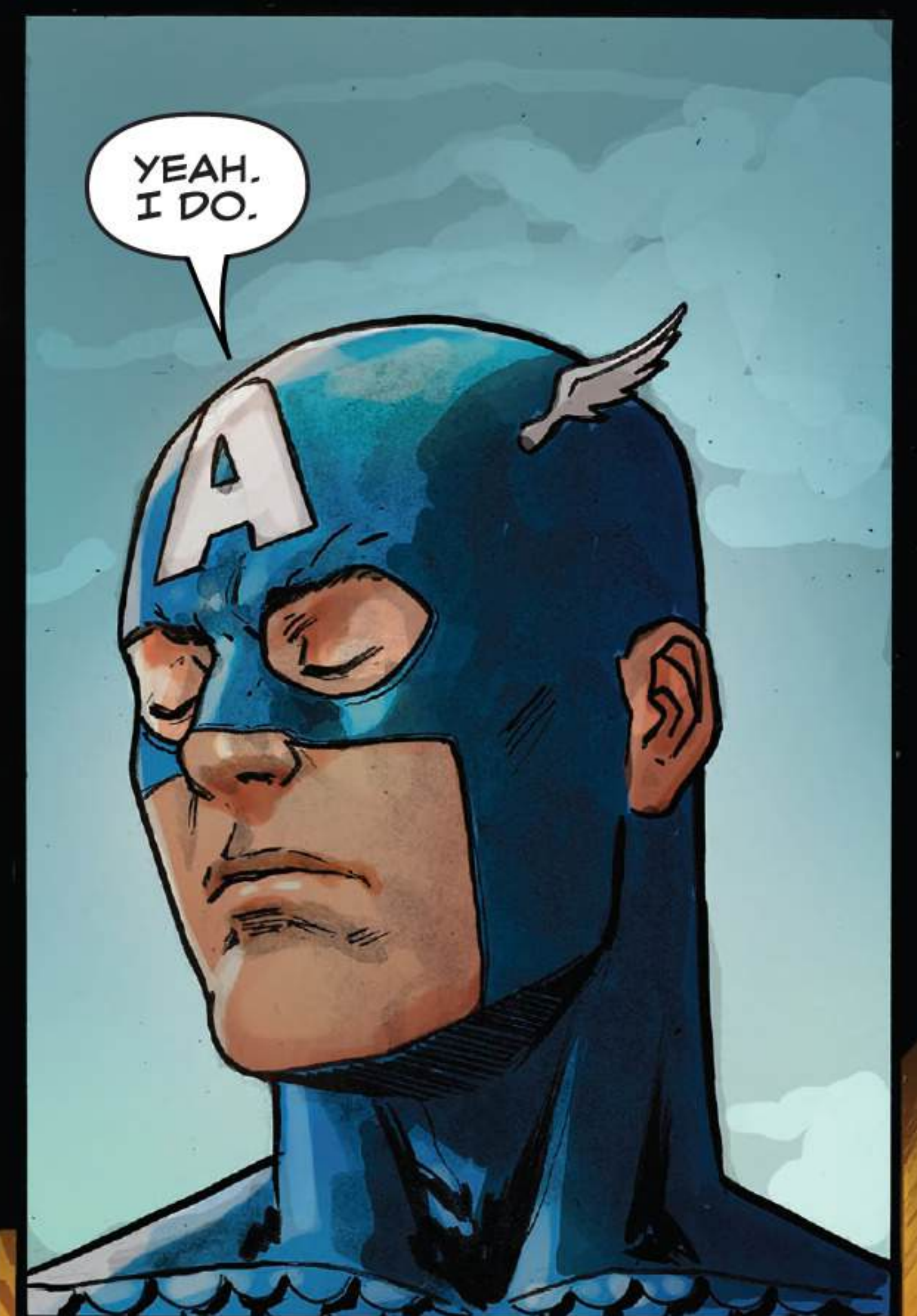
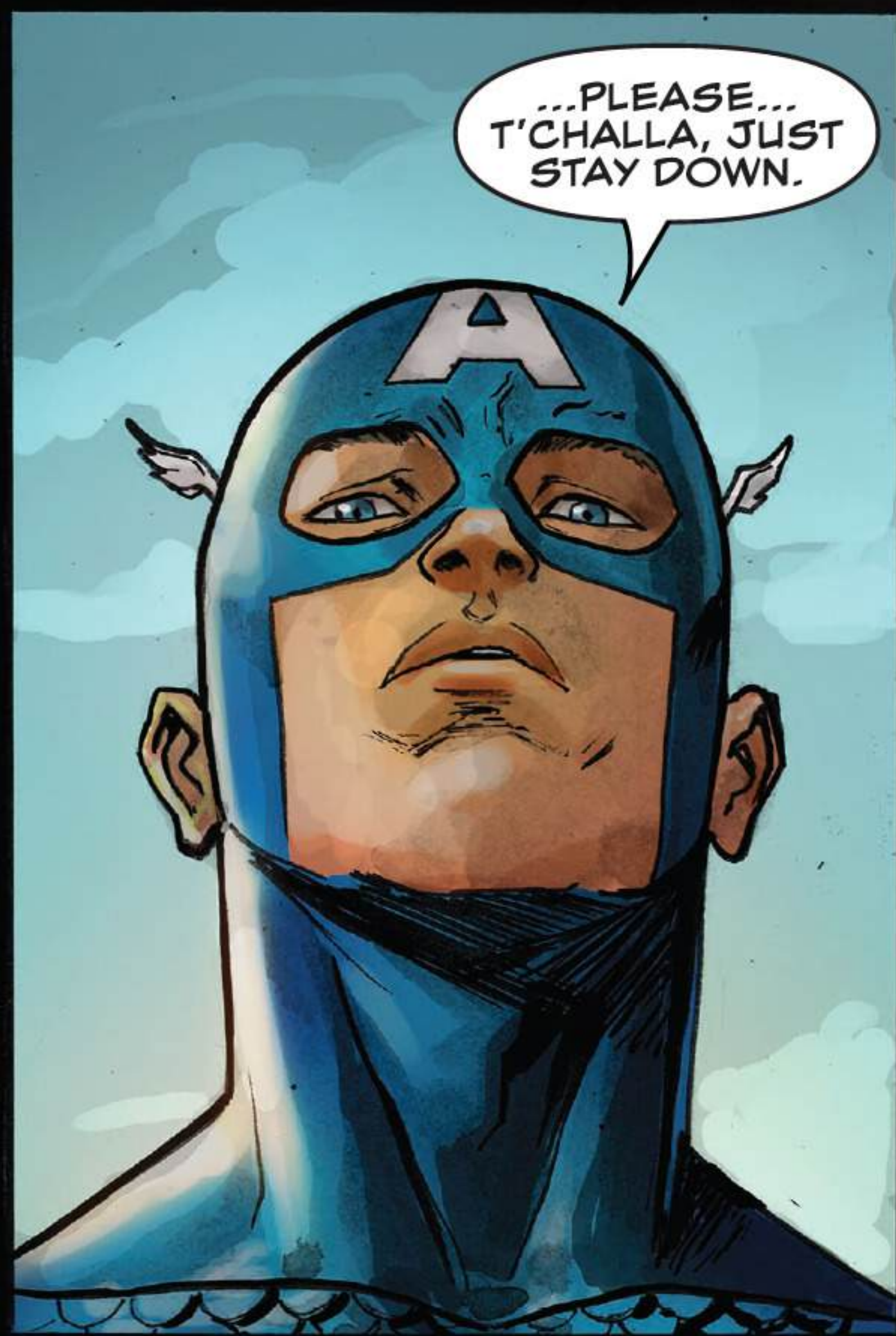
AND I WILL NOT GO QUIETLY.



OKAY.













...ATLANTIS
FIGHTS AT
YOUR SIDE.



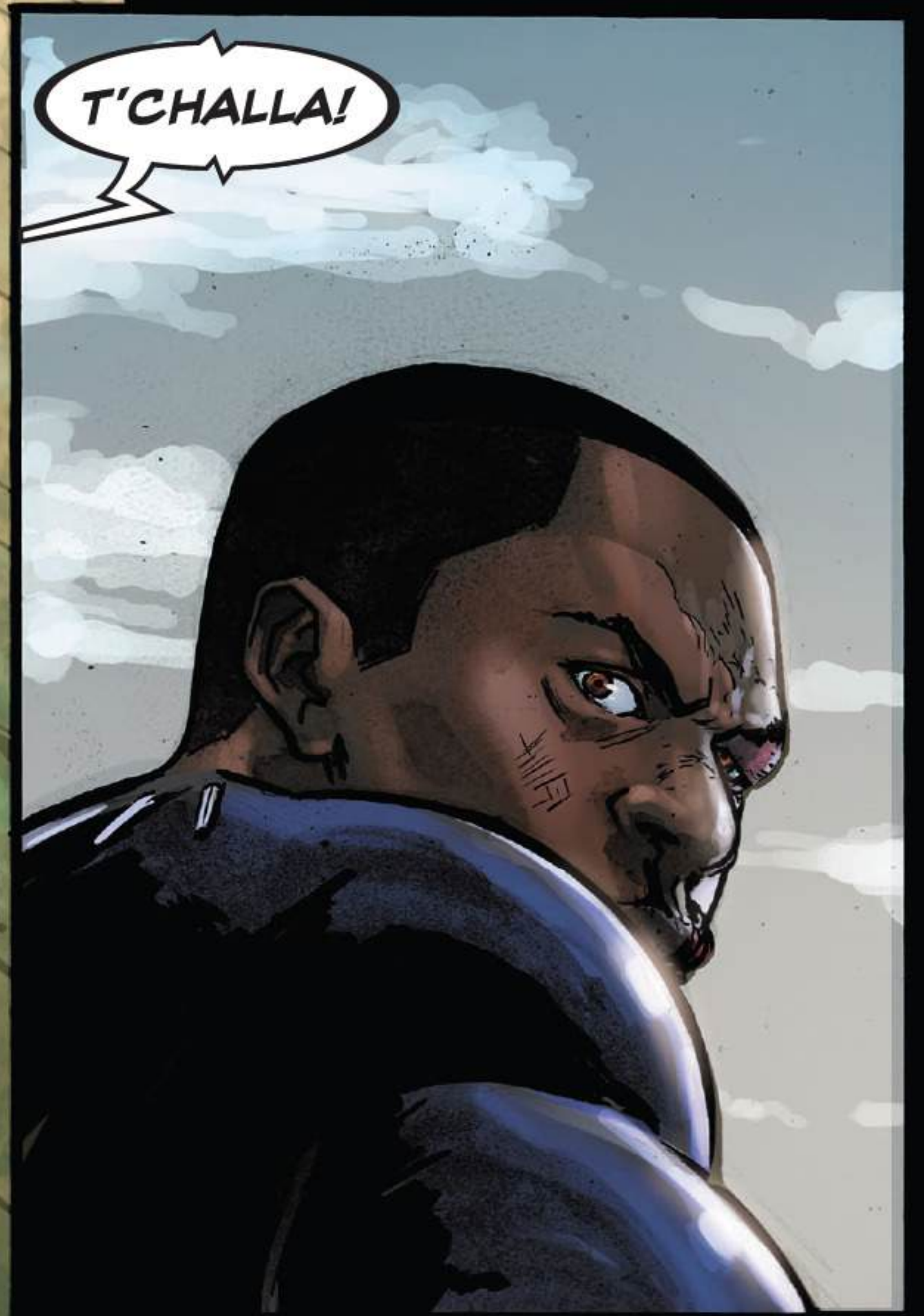
OSAKA, JAPAN.

RISE,
T'CHALLA...

...AND
KNOW THAT I
FIGHT WITH
YOU.

NAMOR...?

NAMOR!
YOU
WISH TO
FIGHT?





FOLASADE...

AS PRIME MINISTER OF WAKANDA, I'M ORDERING YOU TO STOP.



I'LL STOP WHEN NAMOR'S DEAD.

YOU WILL STOP NOW. NAMOR, ATLANTIS... THEY ARE NOT OUR ENEMIES. THEY HAVE SLAUGHTERED OUR PEOPLE.



AS WE HAVE SLAUGHTERED THEIRS. AND WITH YOU AS KING, NO DOUBT THE KILLING WOULD CONTINUE.

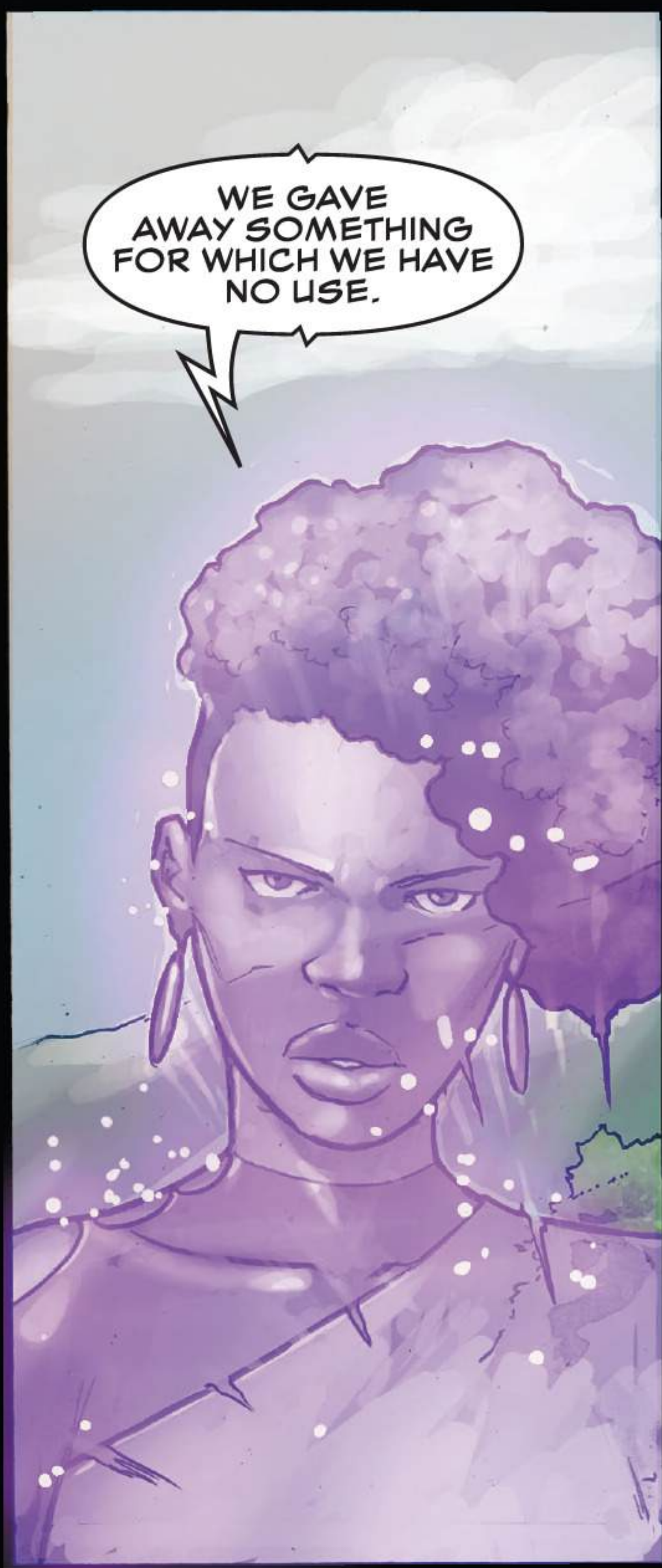
BUT YOU'RE NOT KING. NOT ANYMORE. THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION I WAS ON WAS TO SIGN A TREATY THAT WILL GUARANTEE PEACE BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ATLANTIS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



THERE CAN NEVER BE PEACE BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ATLANTIS.

THERE IS. AND AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL, THEY'VE AGREED TO JOIN IN THE MISSION TO STOP THE TERRORISTS YOU CREATED.

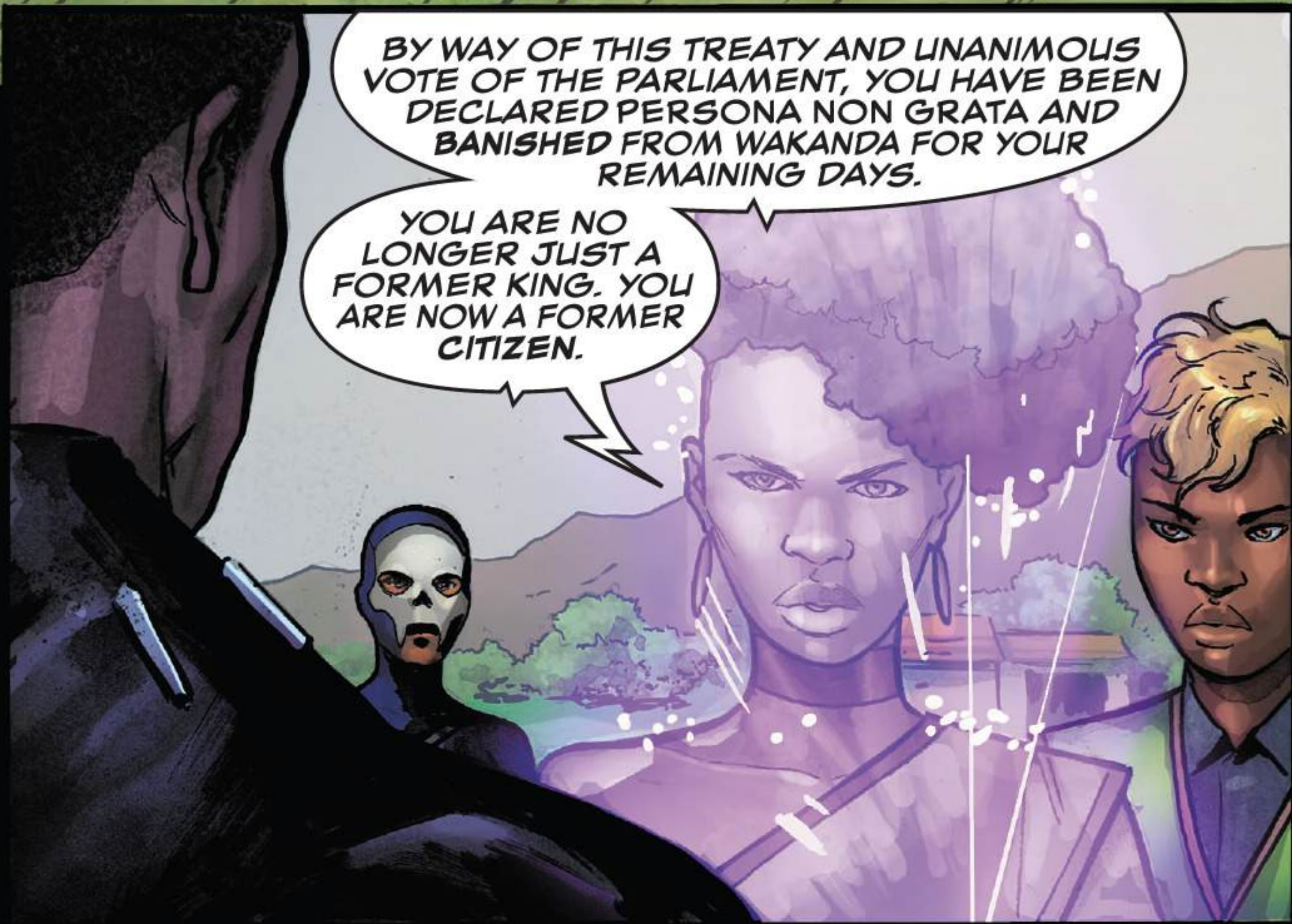
FOR WHAT IN RETURN? BECAUSE I PROMISE, WHATEVER YOU CEDED TO THEM THEY WILL USE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.



WE GAVE AWAY SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO USE.

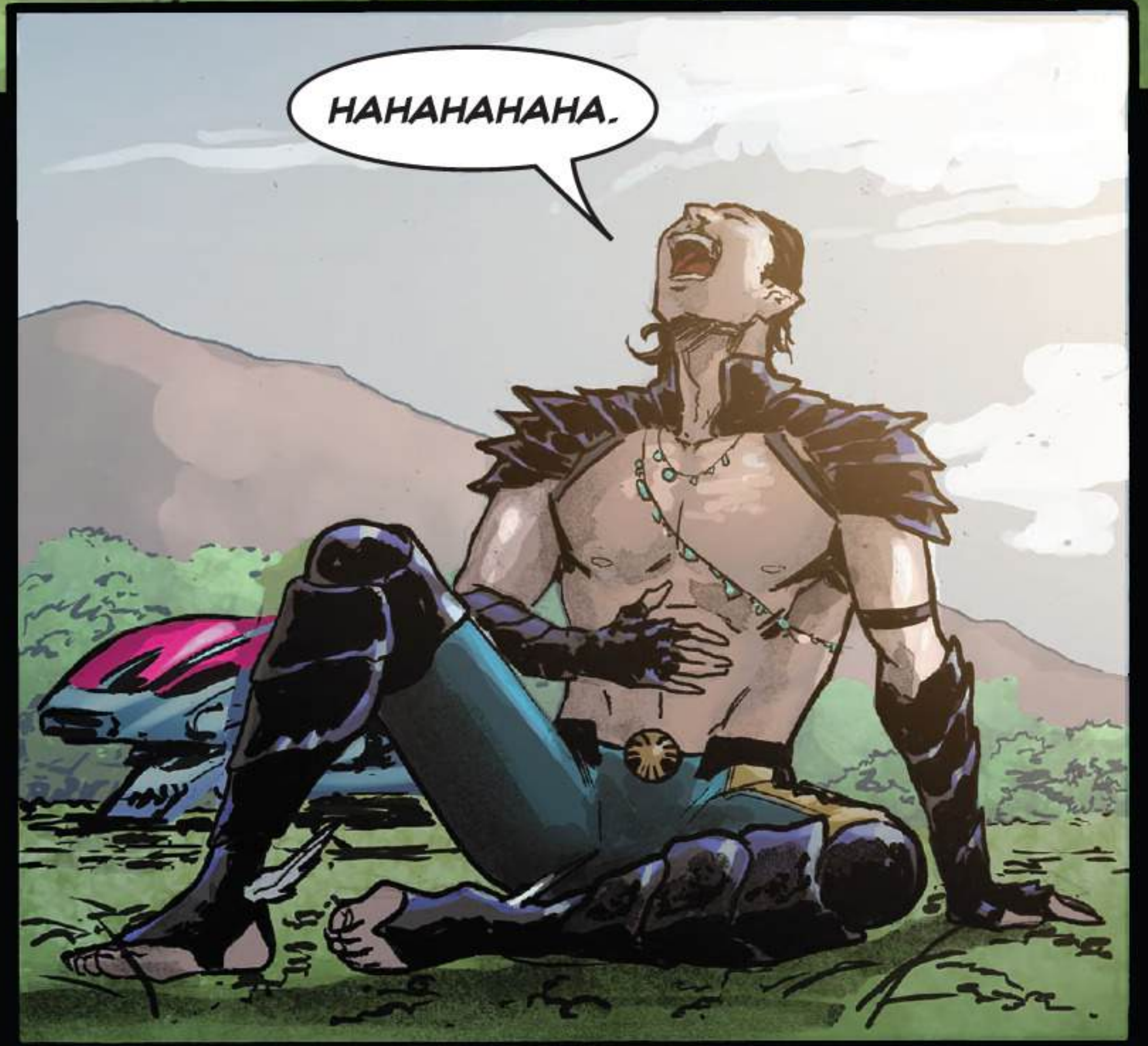


YOU!
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



BY WAY OF THIS TREATY AND UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE PARLIAMENT, YOU HAVE BEEN DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA AND BANISHED FROM WAKANDA FOR YOUR REMAINING DAYS.

YOU ARE NO LONGER JUST A FORMER KING. YOU ARE NOW A FORMER CITIZEN.

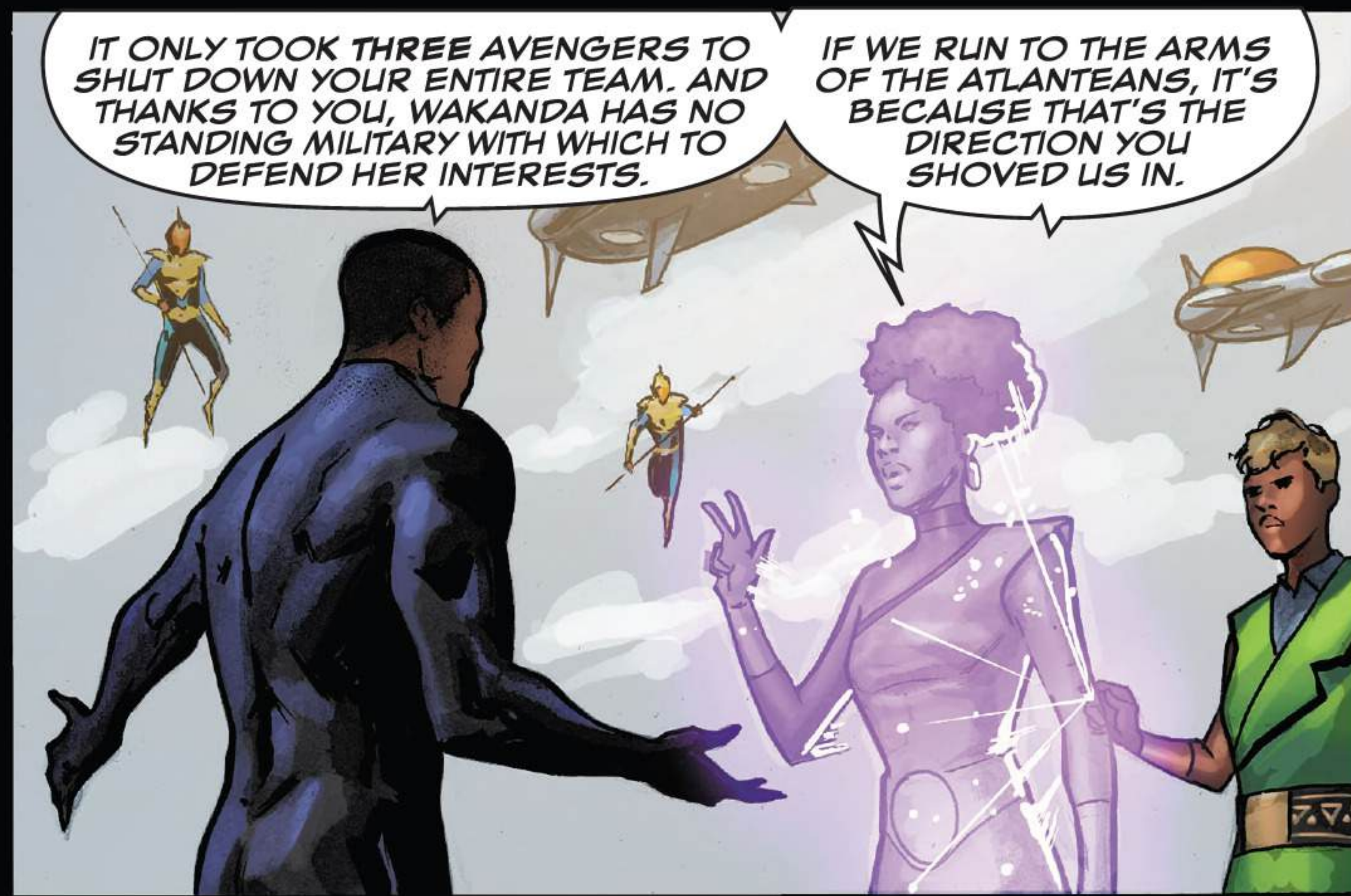


HAHAHAHAHA.



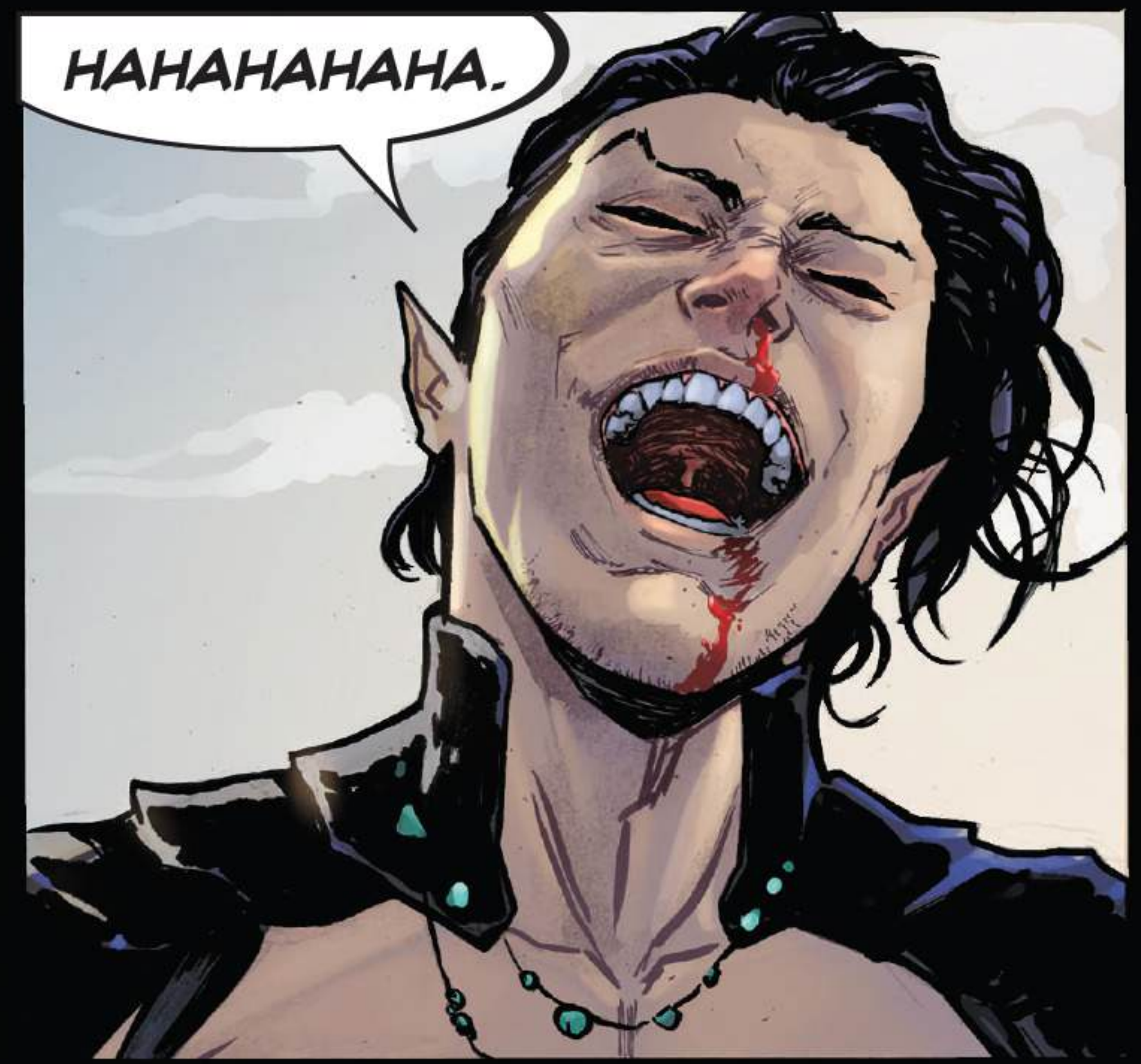
MA'AM...DO NOT LET YOUR HATRED FOR ME BLIND YOU TO NAMOR. HE CANNOT BE TRUSTED. NOT NOW, NOT EVER.

AS OPPOSED TO YOU? YOUR PEOPLE TRUSTED YOU, AND YOU GAVE RISE TO A MAN BENT ON CONTROLLING THE WORLD. AND NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TRUST THAT YOU'LL STOP HIM?



IT ONLY TOOK THREE AVENGERS TO SHUT DOWN YOUR ENTIRE TEAM. AND THANKS TO YOU, WAKANDA HAS NO STANDING MILITARY WITH WHICH TO DEFEND HER INTERESTS.

IF WE RUN TO THE ARMS OF THE ATLANTEANS, IT'S BECAUSE THAT'S THE DIRECTION YOU SHOVED US IN.



HAHAHAHAHA.



YOU HAVE A TREATY WITH ATLANTIS, BUT NAMOR IS AN AVENGER. WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS, FOLASADE.

YEEAAH... ACTUALLY, NO. YOU DON'T.

THE AVENGERS ARE A "TEAM." WE ARE A SOVEREIGN NATION.

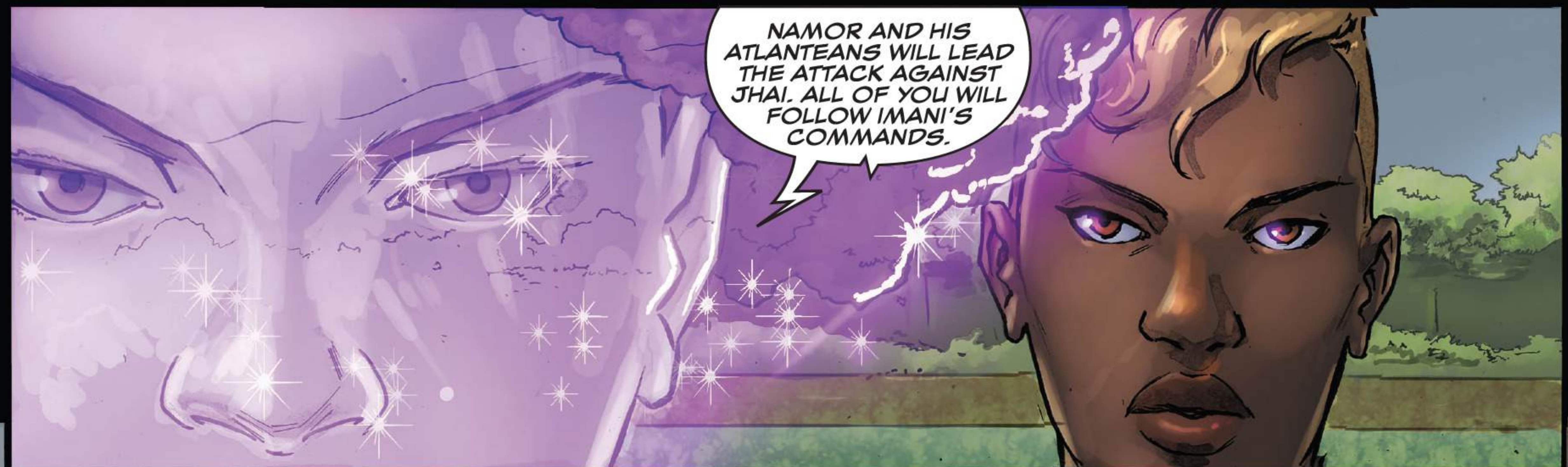
YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FIGHT, BUT YOU WILL DO SO UNDER THE FLAG OF WAKANDA, JUST AS WE HAVE EXTENDED IT TO THE DISPLACED ATLANTEANS.



"AS WE SPEAK, ATLANTEANS ARE REINFORCING THE OTHER SQUADS IN THE UK..."



"...AND RENO TAHOE."



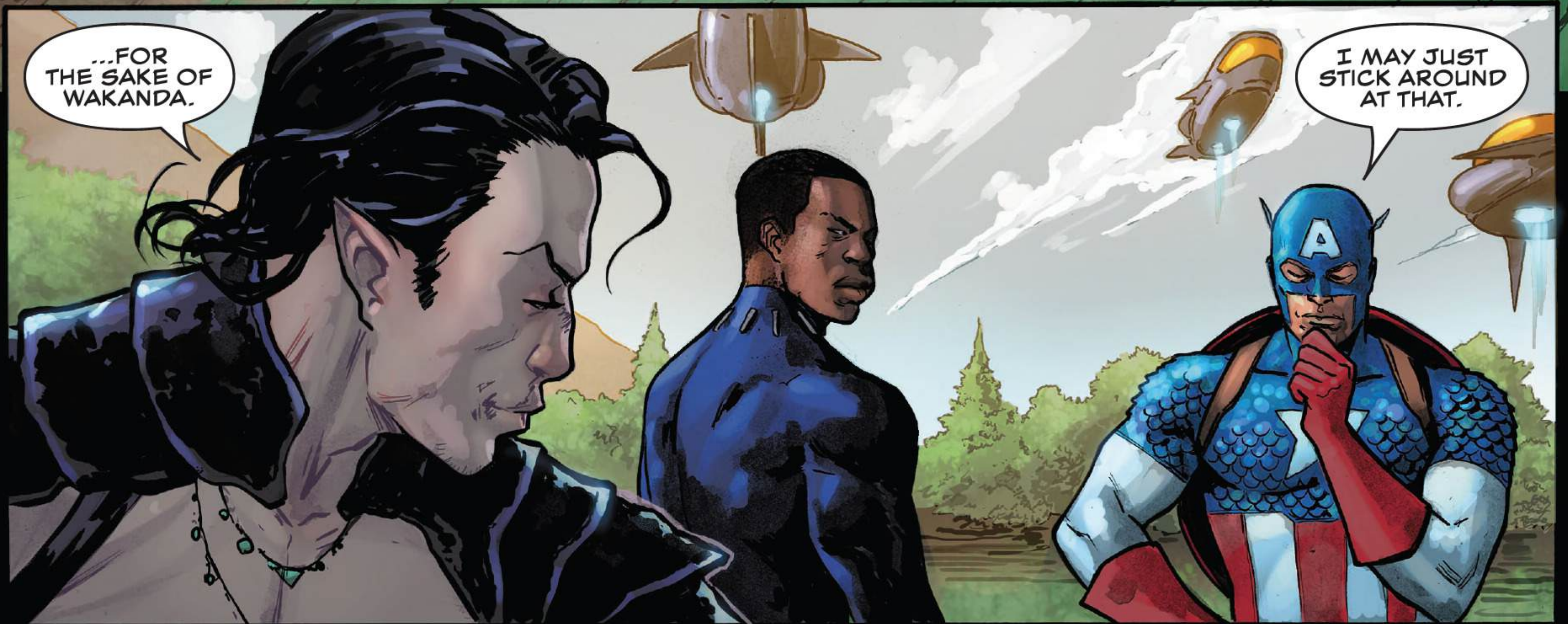
NAMOR AND HIS ATLANTEANS WILL LEAD THE ATTACK AGAINST JHAI. ALL OF YOU WILL FOLLOW IMANI'S COMMANDS.



DO I HAVE A CHOICE?

YOU CAN DO AS YOU ARE TOLD, OR YOU MAY BEGIN YOUR EXILE IMMEDIATELY. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

AND, I WOULD SAY, IT'S A TOUCH BETTER THAN YOU DESERVE.







SHURI, GET THAT FILTER UP AND RUNNING. EVERYBODY ELSE...HEAD OUT!



WHAT'S YOUR GAME, NAMOR?

MUST THERE BE ONE?

YOU ARE DECEPTION PERSONIFIED.

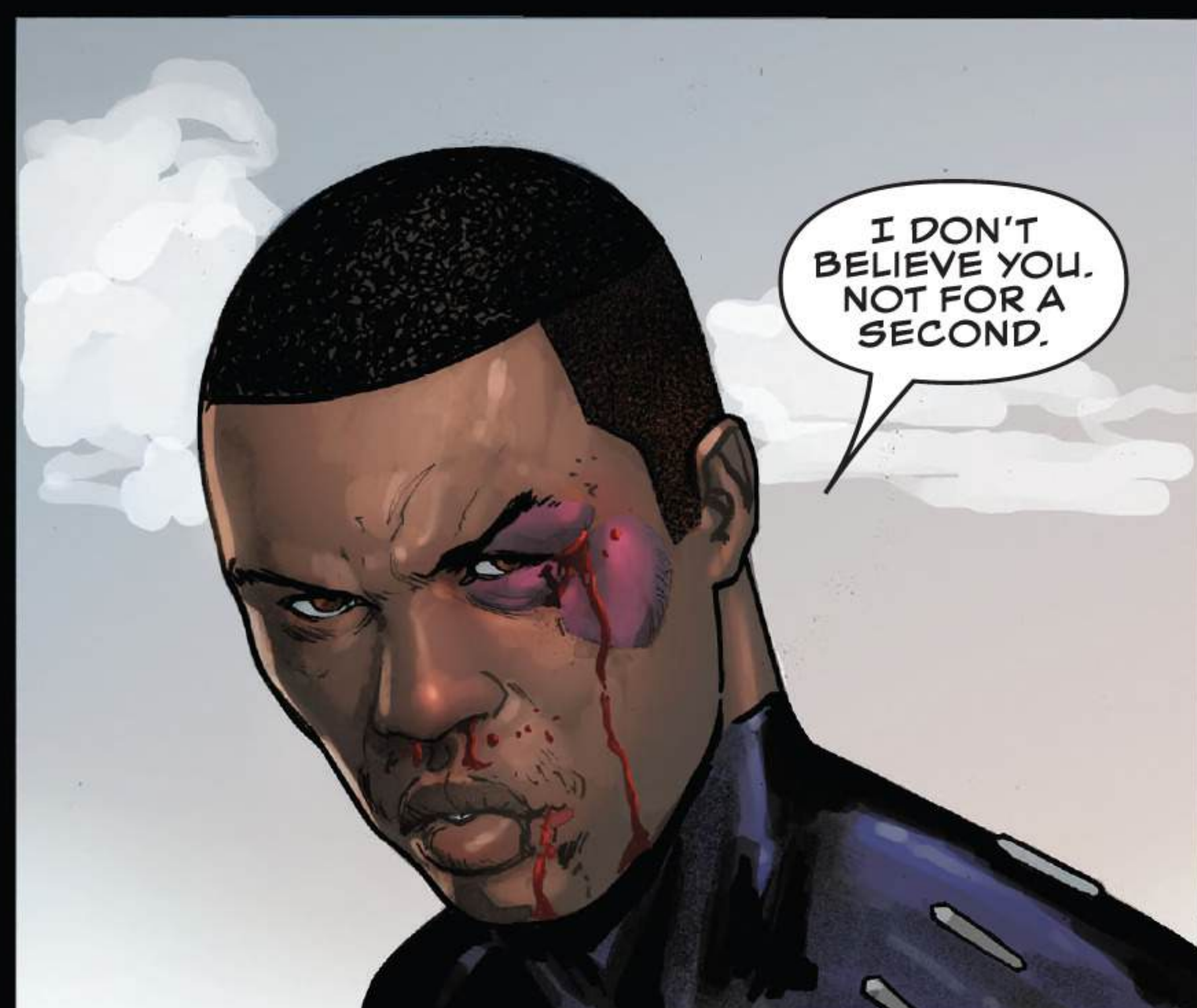


IT'S YOUR **PARANOIA** THAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT. IT IS A WAKANDAN, NOT AN ATLANTEAN, WHO HOLDS THE WORLD BY ITS DIGITAL THROAT.

YOUR SLEEPER AGENT WHO YOU TRAINED. WHO YOU DEPLOYED.

MY "GAME" IS THAT I AM TIRED OF SEEING THE LOSS INFLECTED BY YOUR SELF-SERVING RIGHTEOUSNESS.

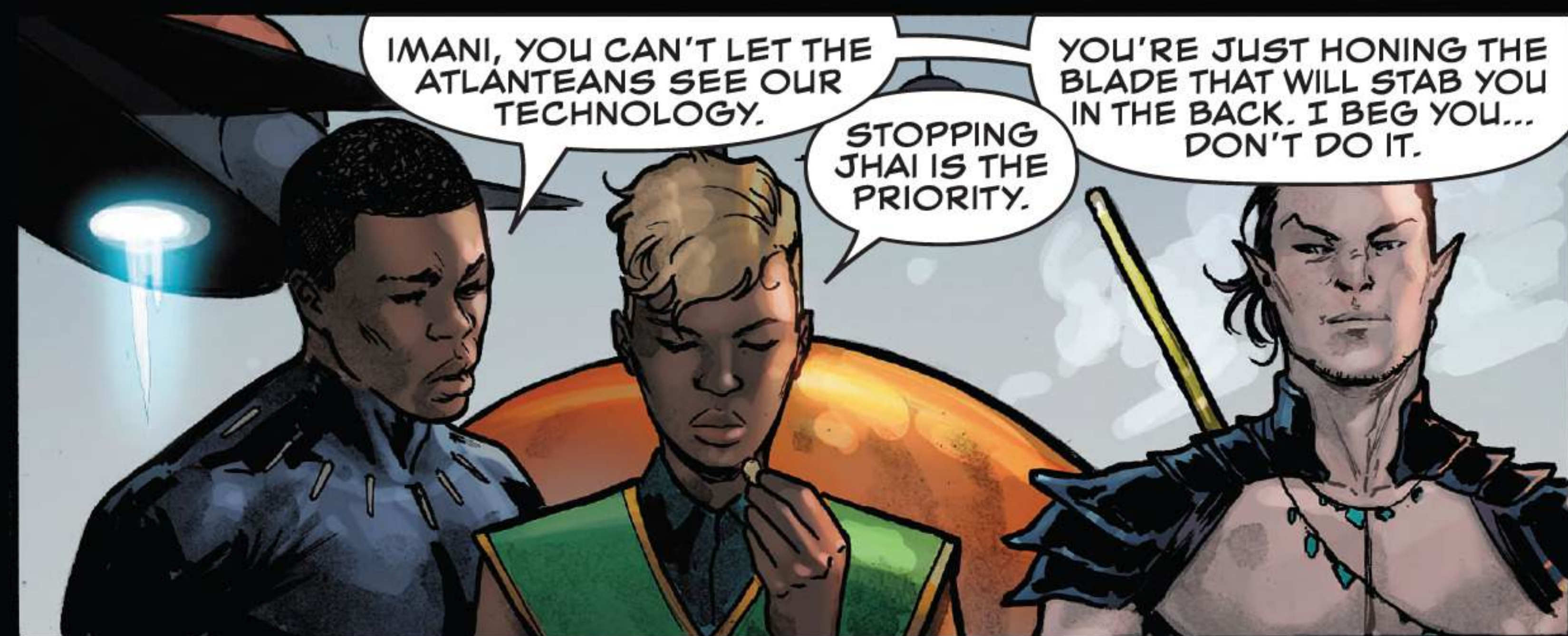
NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU. NOT FOR A SECOND.



WHAT YOU BELIEVE NO LONGER MATTERS.





...LET THE ATLANTIAN HELP. THAT'S AN ORDER.



THAT'S MESSED UP, BUT... UNDERSTOOD.

MMM... INTERESTING USE OF VIBRANIUM TO ACT AS A HEAT DISSIPATER.

PROBLEM IS, IT ACTUALLY OVER-COOLS THE CPU. I'M SURE THE ATLANTIAN VERSION WILL BE MUCH BETTER, BUT FOR NOW...



...TRY THAT.

SHURI...?

SHE GOT IT. POWERING IT ON...

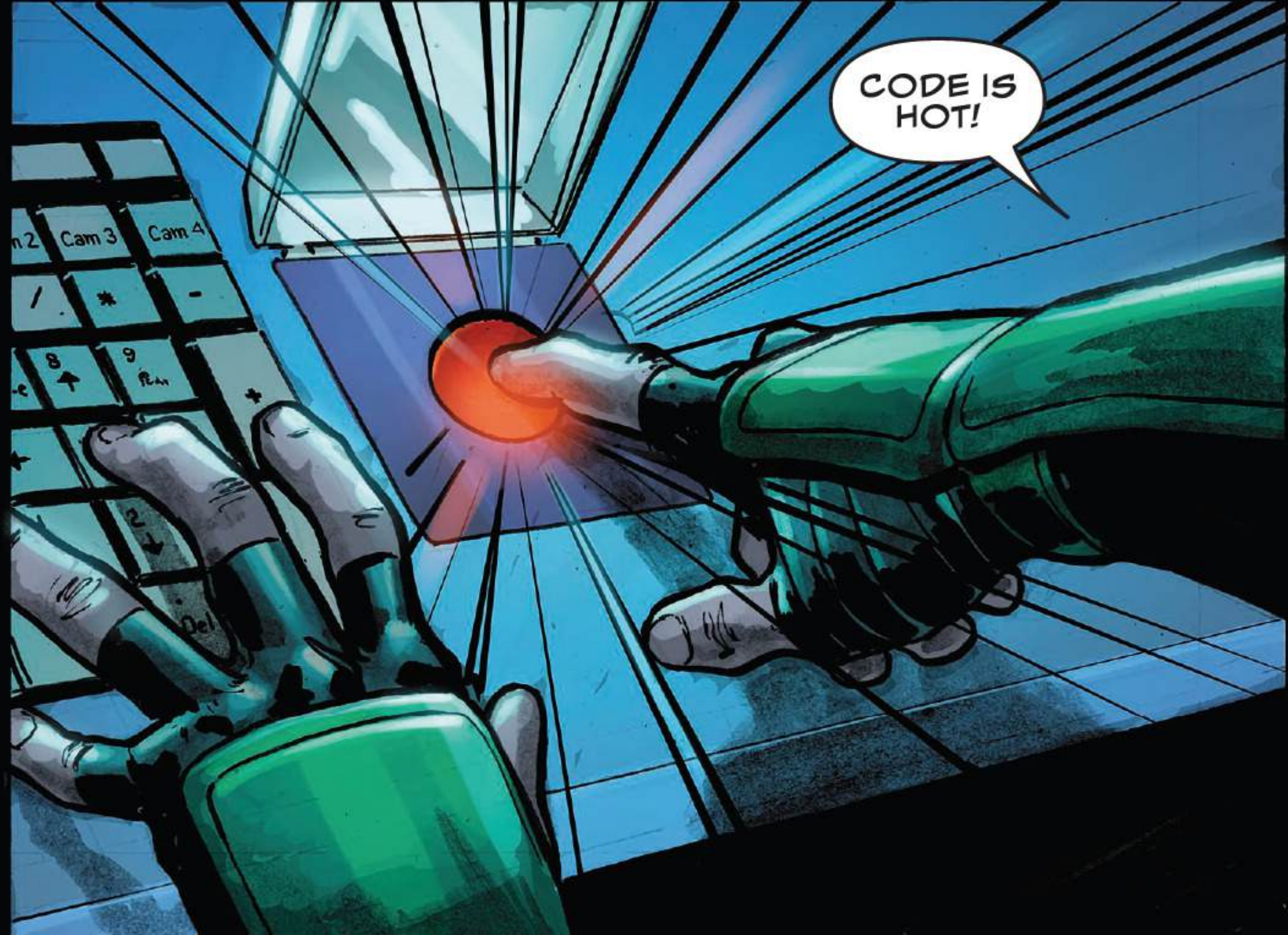


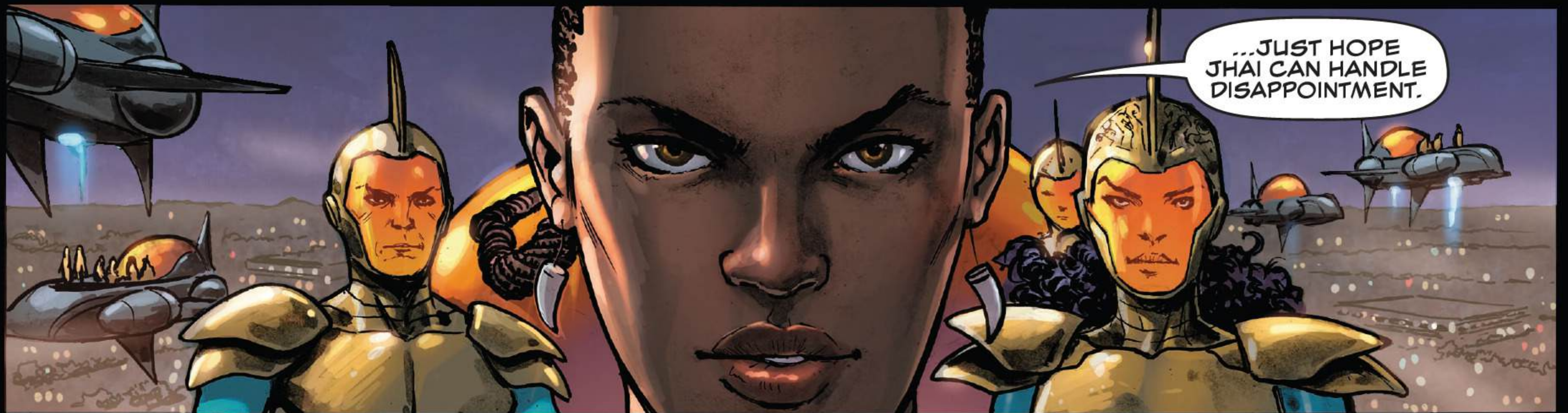
...NOW!

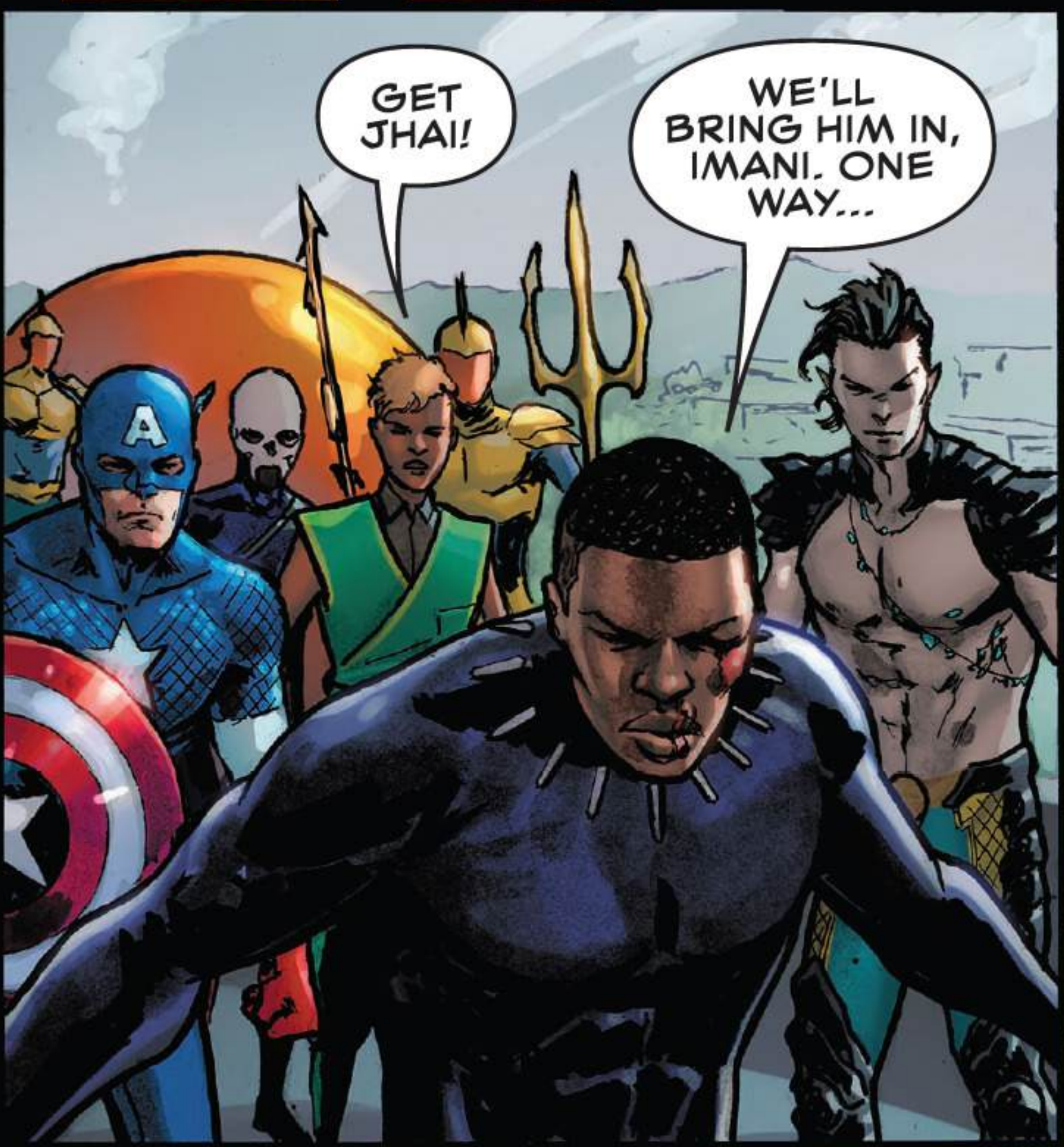


COPY. NOW HIT YOUR TARGET.

OSAKA DATA CENTER.









ONE MORE
TIME, I GO
TO BATTLE.

THIS TIME,
MAYBE FOR
THE LAST TIME.

I HAVE ALIENATED
MY FRIENDS.

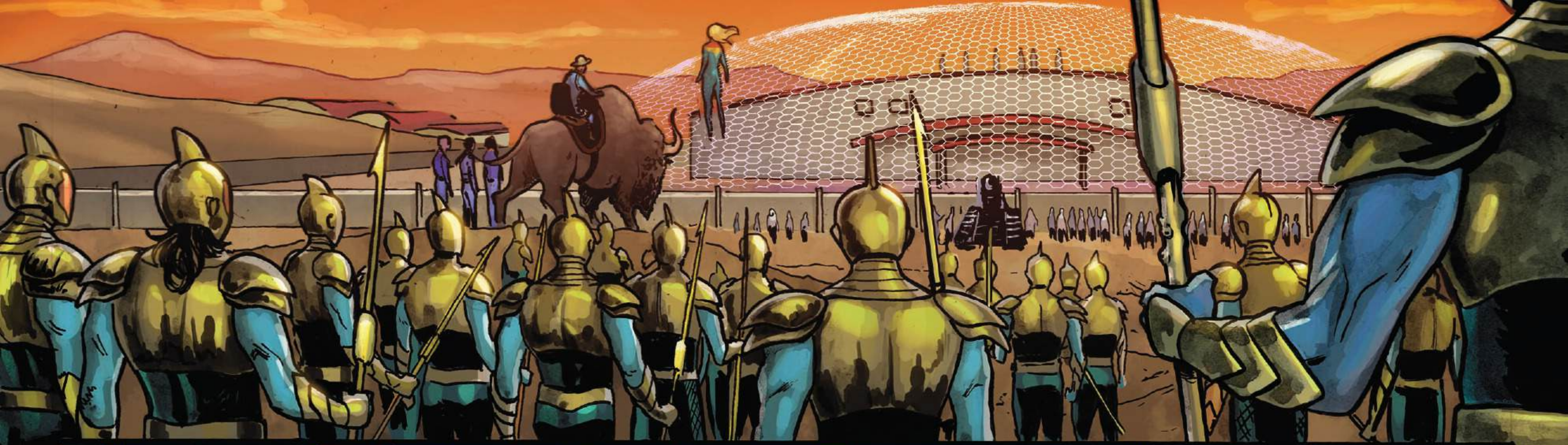
I HAVE ELEVATED
MY ENEMIES.

I HAVE BROUGHT
TO THE FORE
NEW HEROES.

WHAT HAS NOT
CHANGED...IS THE
REASON I FIGHT:

**FOR
WAKANDA!**





WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED. AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE MUCH HELP TO YOU, SOLDIER.

WELL, LIKE WE SAY WHEREABOUTS I'M FROM: THE LIFE YOU LIVED IS DEFINED BY THE WAY YOU--



UH, LADIES?



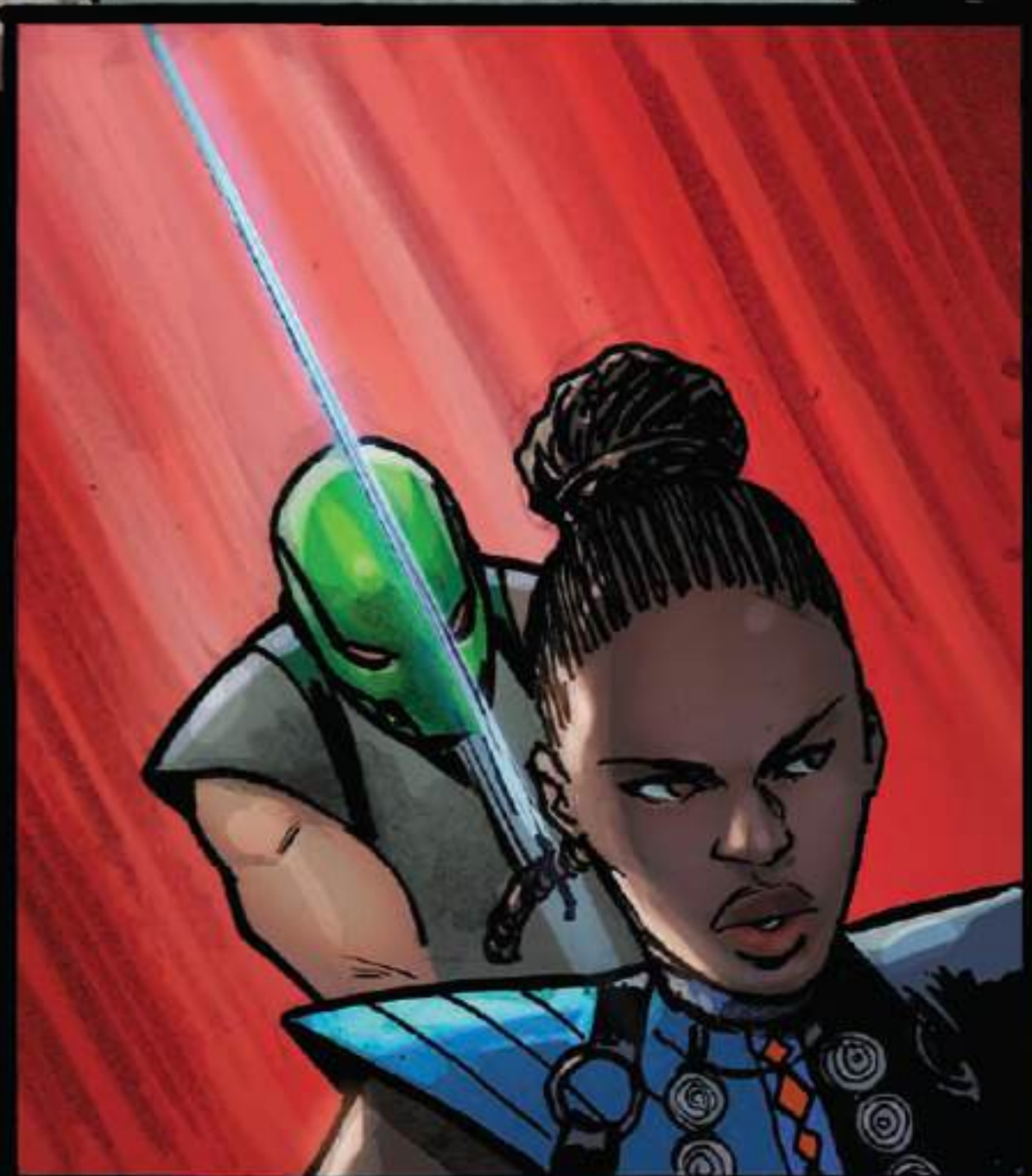
***"NOTHING LIKE BEING EMANCIPATED. WHO'S WITH ME?"

***"RIGHT THE SAME!"

...UHHHH, THAT'S MY THING...

THERE IS A WORLD OF POWERS AND ABILITIES OUT THERE, CAPTAIN. A WORLD OF 'EM.

YEAH, NO, BUT SERIOUSLY-- THAT'S MY THING.



TOSIN,
I--

YES, I
KNOW--YOU DON'T
NEED MY HELP. YOU
COULD HAVE TAKEN
HIM ON YOUR
OWN.



THANKS
FOR HAVING
MY BACK.

...UH...
YEAH. WE'RE
A TEAM.



SEE, SHURI?
KINDNESS BUILDS
CHARACTER.

IT DOES
INDEED, GENTLE.
DOES INDEED!



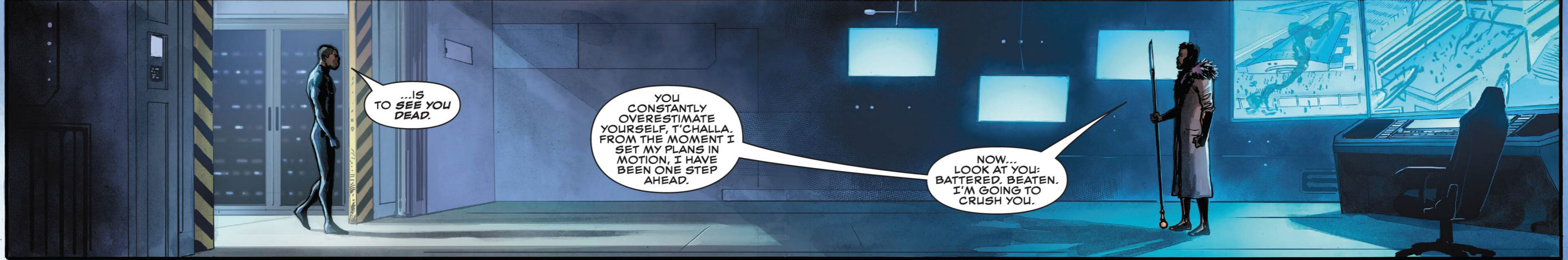








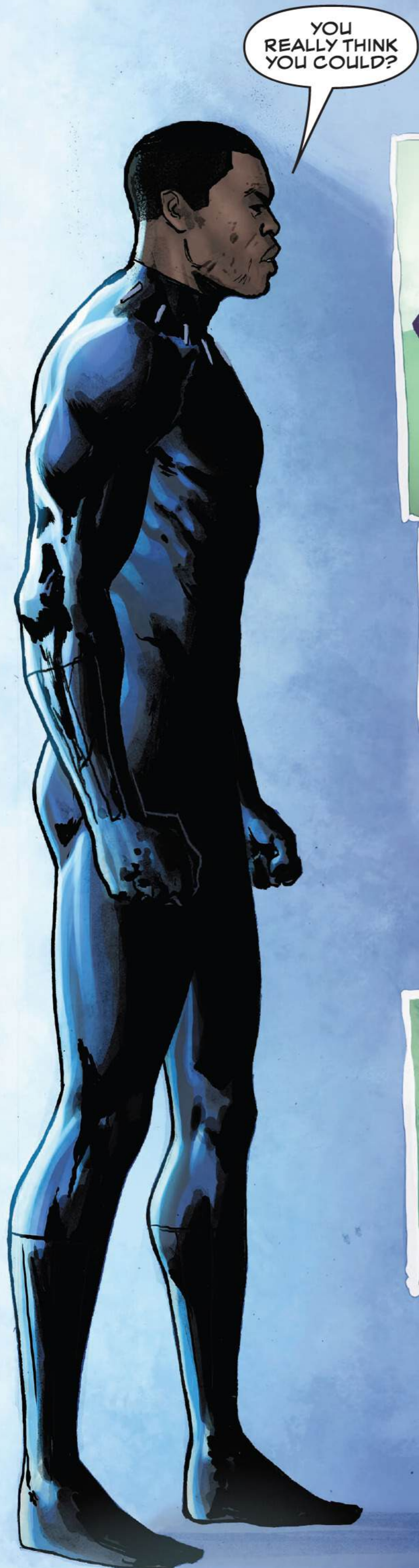




...IS
TO SEE YOU
DEAD.

YOU
CONSTANTLY
OVERESTIMATE
YOURSELF, T'CHALLA.
FROM THE MOMENT I
SET MY PLANS IN
MOTION, I HAVE
BEEN ONE STEP
AHEAD.

NOW...
LOOK AT YOU:
BATTERED. BEATEN.
I'M GOING TO
CRUSH YOU.



YOU
REALLY THINK
YOU COULD?



"I'VE TRAVELED
THE WORLD TO
FIND YOU, JHAI.



"I DROVE AKILI TO
TAKE HIS OWN LIFE
BECAUSE OF YOU.



"NOTHING WILL STOP
ME FROM GIVING YOU
THE PUNISHMENT
YOU DESERVE.



"NOTHING."



"YOU TRAINED ME
TO BE A WARRIOR.



"YOU SHAPED ME
IN YOUR IMAGE.

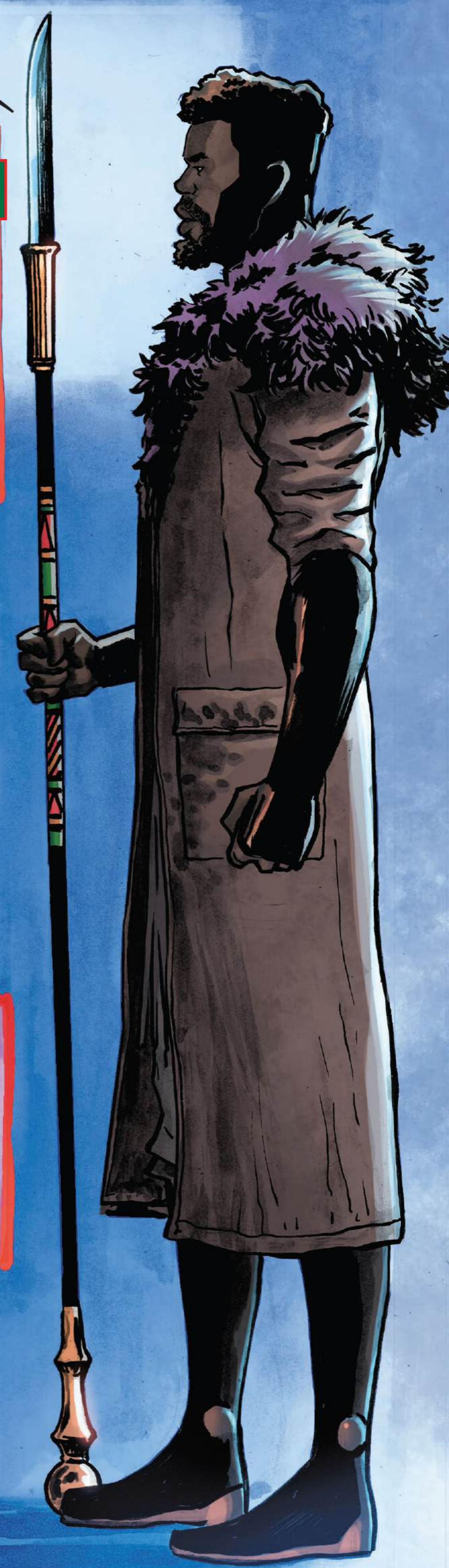


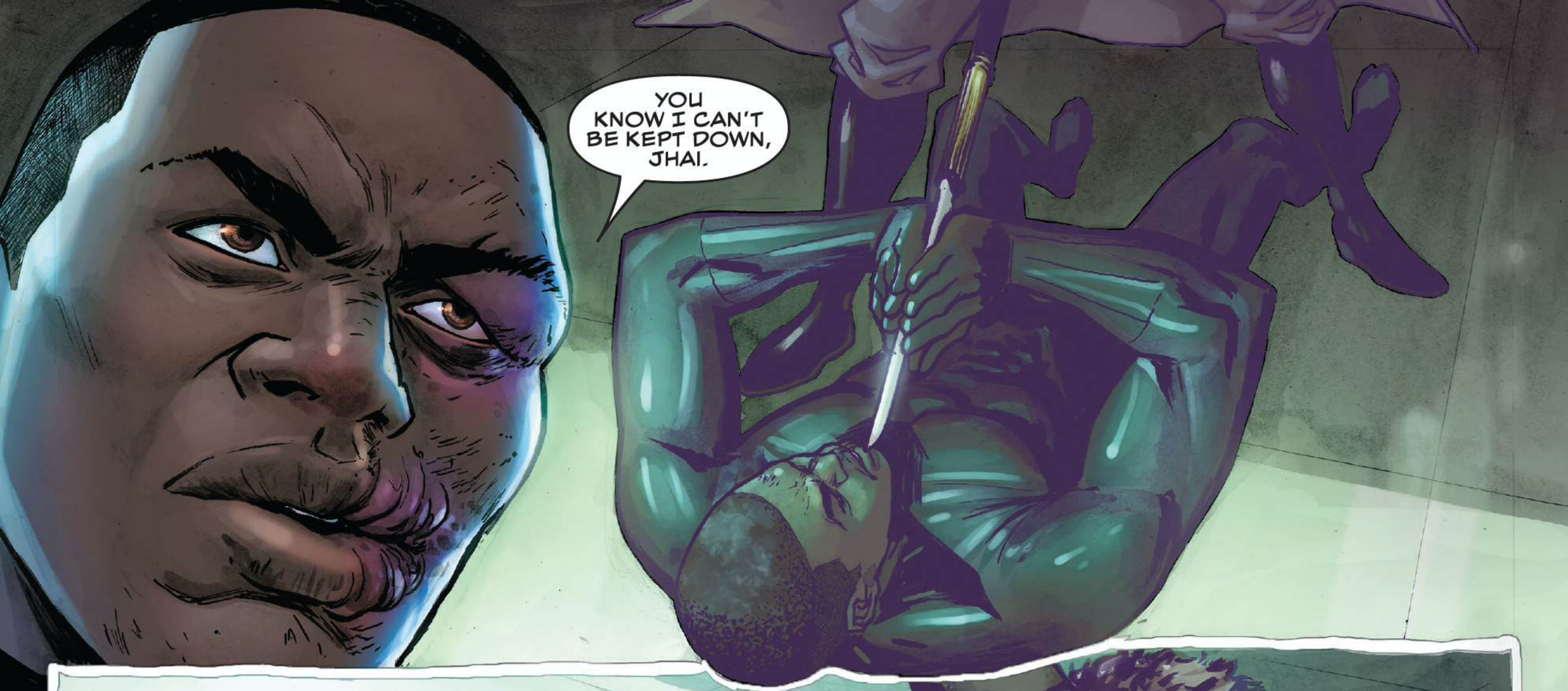
"BUT I'M NOT JUST
A VERSION OF YOU.



"I'M BETTER
THAN YOU."

NOTHING,
EXCEPT ME.





YOU
KNOW I CAN'T
BE KEPT DOWN,
JHAI.



"ALWAYS
I RISE."



"ALWAYS
I FIGHT."



"ALWAYS I AM
VICTORIOUS."



"THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY THIS
STORY ENDS--"





...SO MANY TIMES I'VE FOUGHT FOR THE THRONE. LOST IT. RETAKEN IT, ONLY TO LOSE IT AGAIN. ON AND ON.



THIS TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. YOU, ME, MY WARRIORS, THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE, KILLSWITCH...

ALL OF THAT: THE FRUIT OF MY DECEPTIONS...



YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE LIKE NEVER BEFORE. FOR THEIR SAKE... *USE IT.*

I DO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO TAKE THE THRONE.



BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...

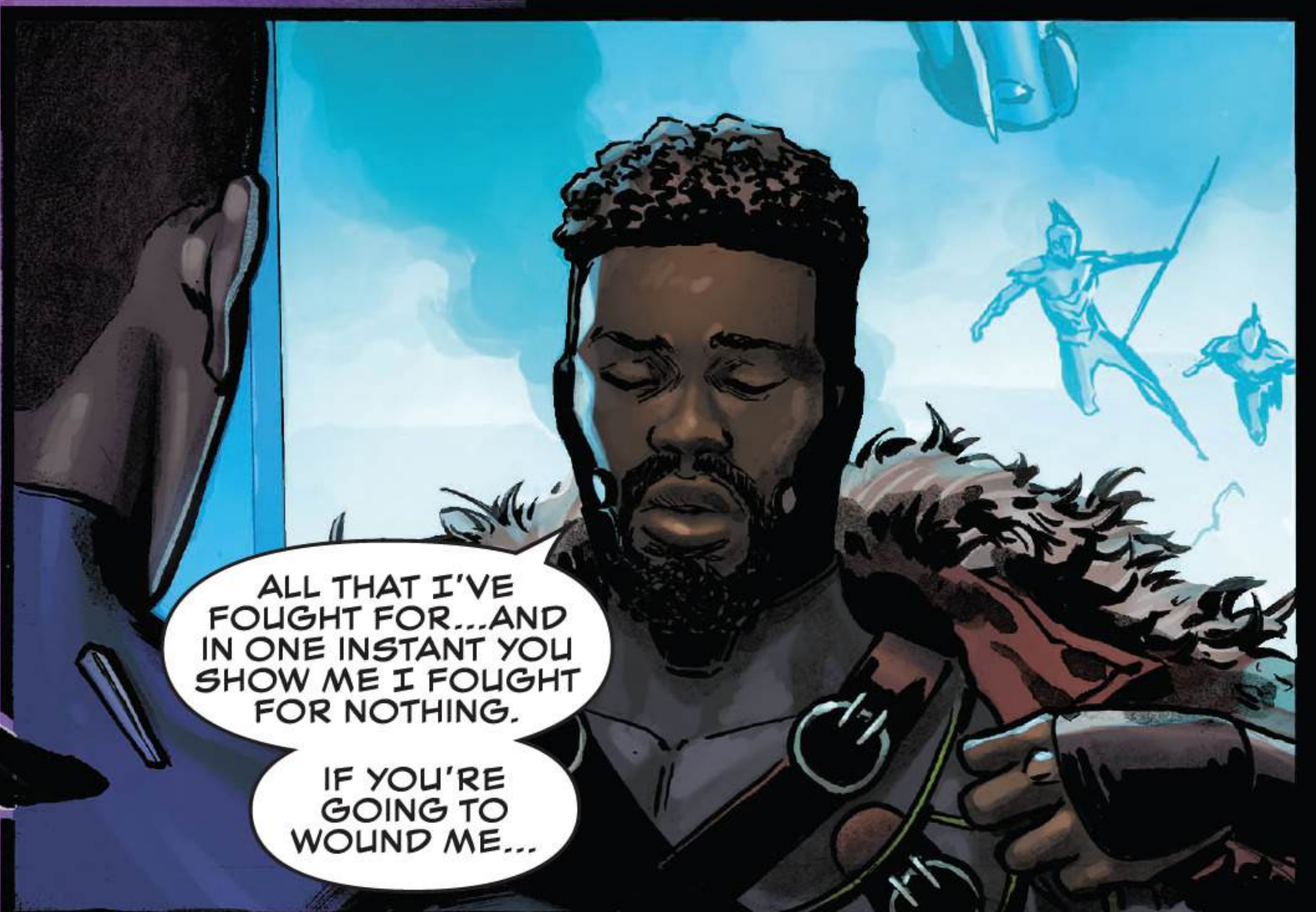
...I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO WALK AWAY. THE THRONE'S NOT MINE, JHAI. I CAN'T CLAIM IT. I DON'T DESERVE IT.

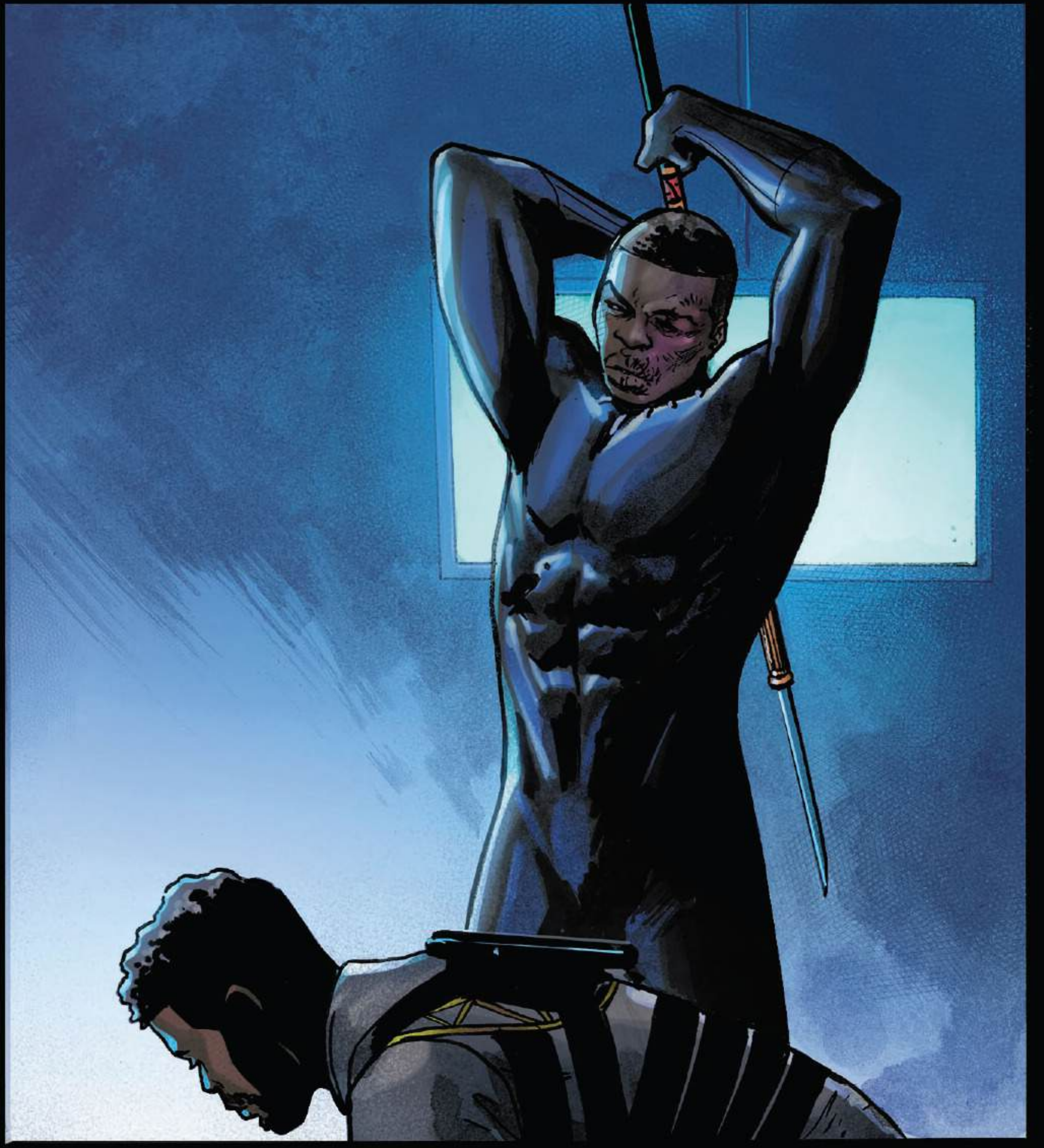


AND I WILL BE KING NO MORE, FOREVER.

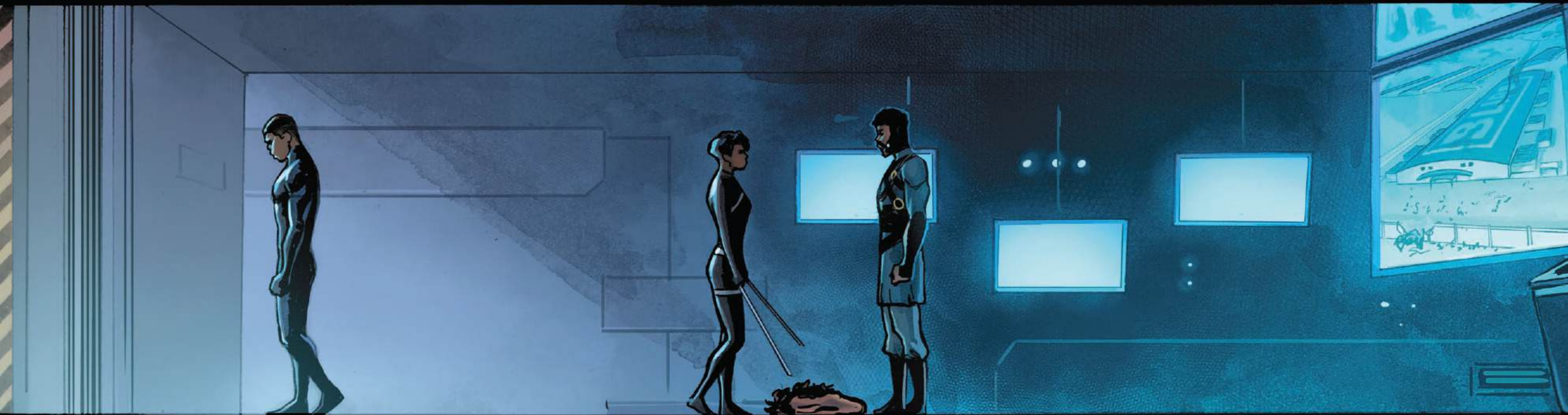
ALL THAT I'VE FOUGHT FOR...AND IN ONE INSTANT YOU SHOW ME I FOUGHT FOR NOTHING.

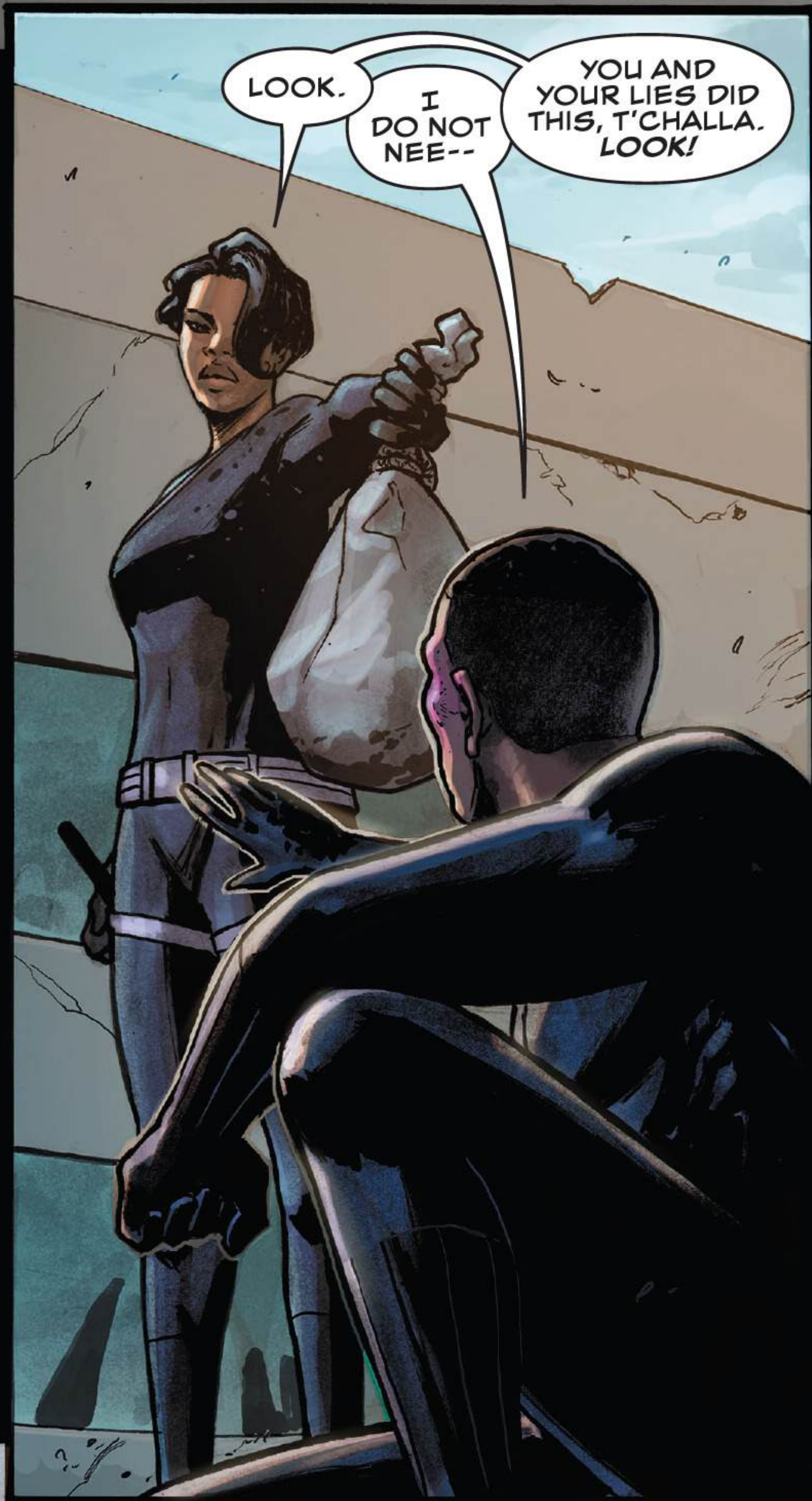
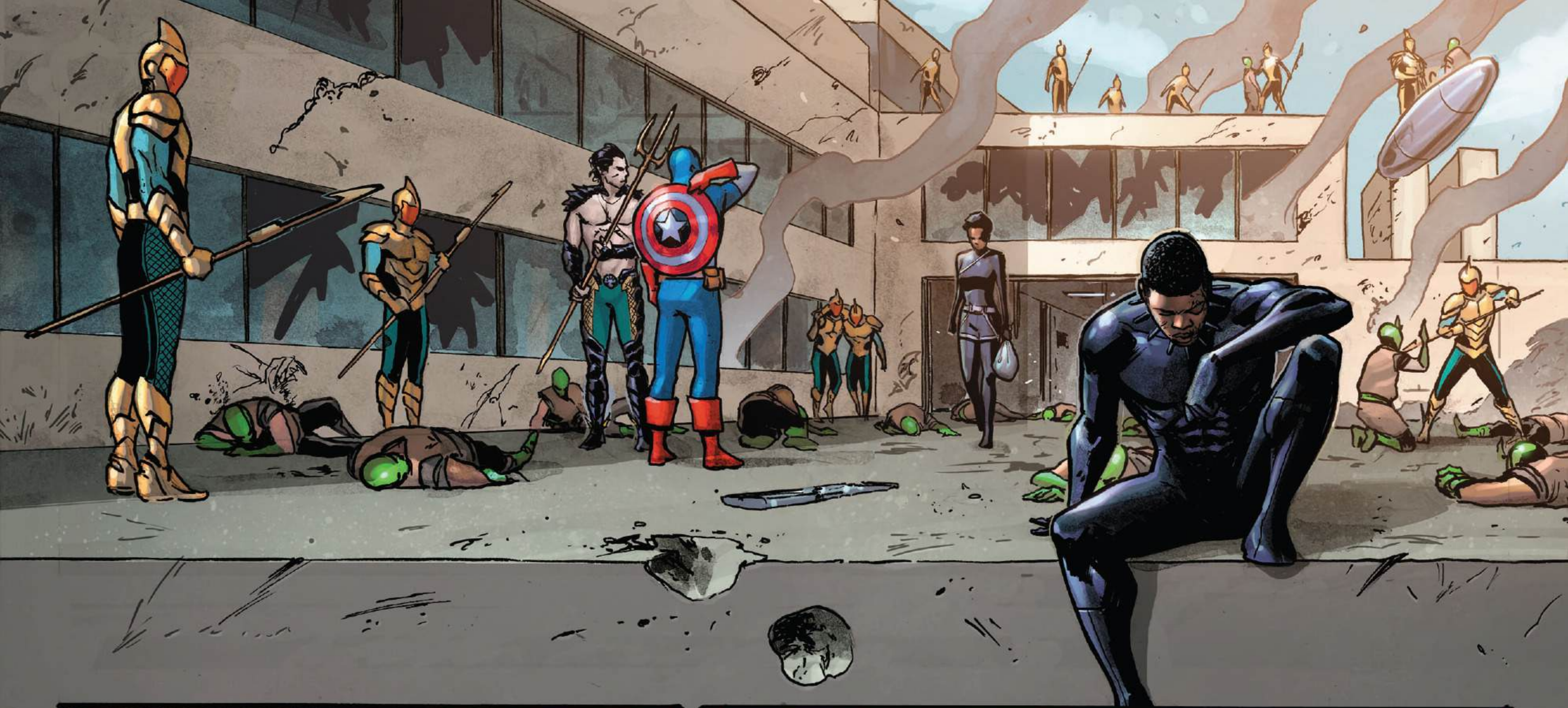
IF YOU'RE GOING TO WOUND ME...











"LET ME SPEAK ON THE STATE OF OUR NATION."



THE STATE OF WAKANDA-- THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF WAKANDA--IS STRONG.



WE HAVE PREVAILED AGAINST TYRANNY, WE HAVE MADE FRIENDS OF FORMER ENEMIES. WE HAVE STEPPED OUT FROM UNDER THE LONG SHADOW OF "ONE MAN, ONE RULE."



AS OUR FORMER KING BEGINS HIS EXILE, WE MUST NEVER LOOK BACK.

IT IS WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE THAT I NOMINATE TO THE POSITION OF MINISTER OF STATE IMANI KOLAWOLE.



THEY HAVE SERVED THIS NATION WELL DURING THIS CRISIS, AND THEY HAVE MY FULL FAITH AND TRUST.

THANK YOU, MA'AM. I WILL NOT FAIL WAKANDA.



THOUGH WAKANDA WILL ALWAYS ADVOCATE FOR PEACE, LET NO ONE DOUBT WE WILL FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. TODAY WE BEGIN THE TASK OF BUILDING A NEW WAKANDAN SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

A FORCE THAT WILL BE TRAINED AND LED BY THE DORA MILAJE, WITH OKOYE, AYO AND ANEKA AT THE FORE.



AND FINALLY, I CALL ON YOU: THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA--THIS IS NOW YOUR NATION.

"JOIN ME IN THE FIGHT FOR OUR WAKANDA."

THE "MUTE ZONE" VILLAGE OF ZIERRA. HOME OF THE MARUBE TRIBE.

YOU'RE GOING, TOSIN? TO BIRNIN ZANA, TO THE OTHER WAKANDA...? THAT'S EVERYTHING OUR TRIBE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON.

EVERYTHING OUR TRIBE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON IS DONE ONCE T'CHALLA STARTS HIS EXILE. AND KIME...OUR TRIBE, FOR REAL...THEY CAN BE JUDGMENTAL.

YOU KNOW THAT, BECAUSE YOU AND THE SISTERHOOD HAVE FELT IT.*

*SEE WAKANDA #4.
--WIL

...YEAH, WE HAVE.

THE TIME FOR BLAMING EVERYTHING ON T'CHALLA'S OVER. IF WE WANT BETTER, THEN WE'VE GOTTA BE BETTER.

BESIDES, KIME, I'M JUST GOING TO BIRNIN ZANA.

WHEN YOU NEED ME, YOU'LL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.

YEAH, BUT MORE LIKE: I'LL KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU...



...WHEN YOU NEED ME.



NICE.

IT'S
GOOD TO KEEP
IN PRACTICE.

FOR?

NOT SURE.
SPENT MY ENTIRE
LIFE AS AN ASSASSIN.
NOT MUCH TO DO WITH
YOURSELF WHEN
YOU'VE GOT NO
ONE TO KILL.

PERHAPS
WE CAN PUT
YOUR SKILLS
TO USE.

HMM. YOU
SOUND LIKE
T'CHALLA.

IS THAT
A CRACK OR A
COMPLIMENT?

JUST AN
OBSERVATION.

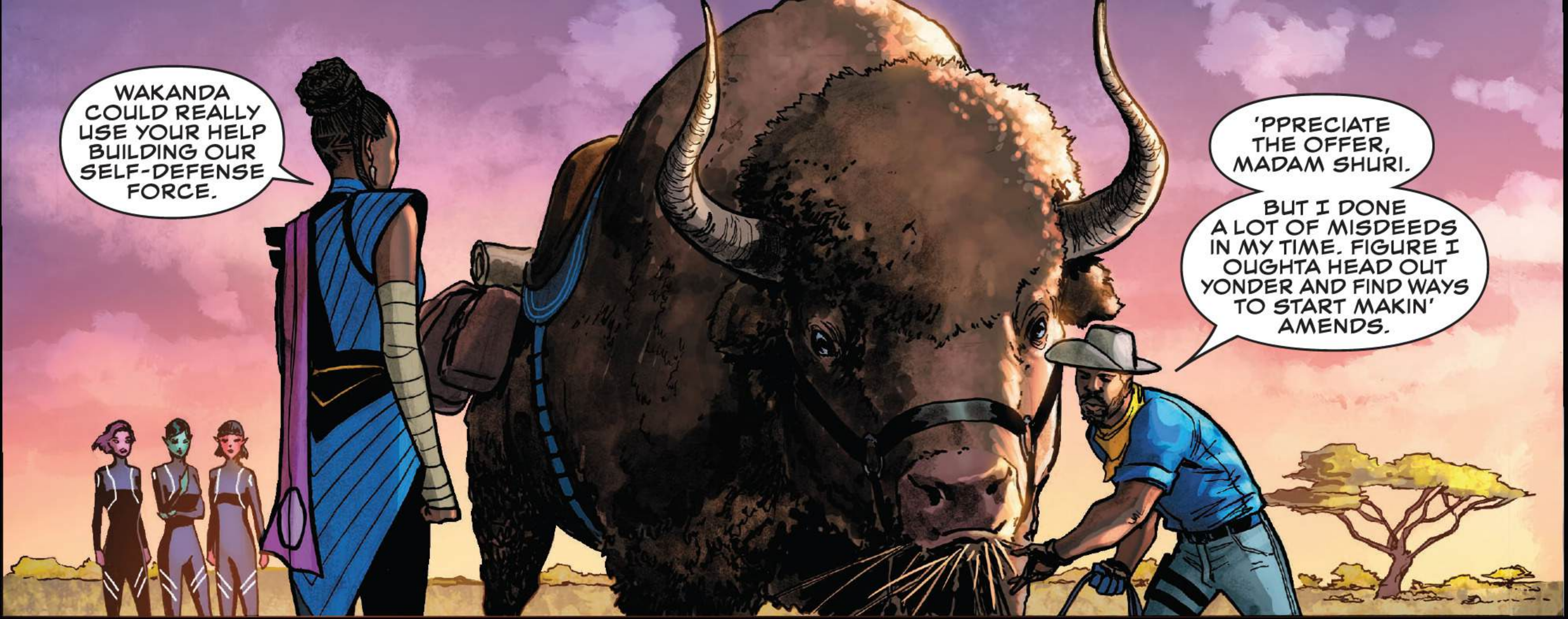
OMOLOLA, I
NEED SOMEONE
WHO CAN FIND THEIR
WAY IN THE SHADOWS,
THEN STRIKE WITH THE
RESOLVE OF THE
BLACKEST NIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

I'VE LEARNED
A FEW THINGS. I
WILL NEVER BE CAUGHT
UNSUSPECTING AGAIN.
NOT BY NAMOR, THE
AVENGERS...NOT BY
T'CHALLA, SHOULD
IT COME TO IT.

I THINK I
LOVE THAT JOB
DESCRIPTION.

"DON'T YOU WANT
TO RECONSIDER
THINGS?"

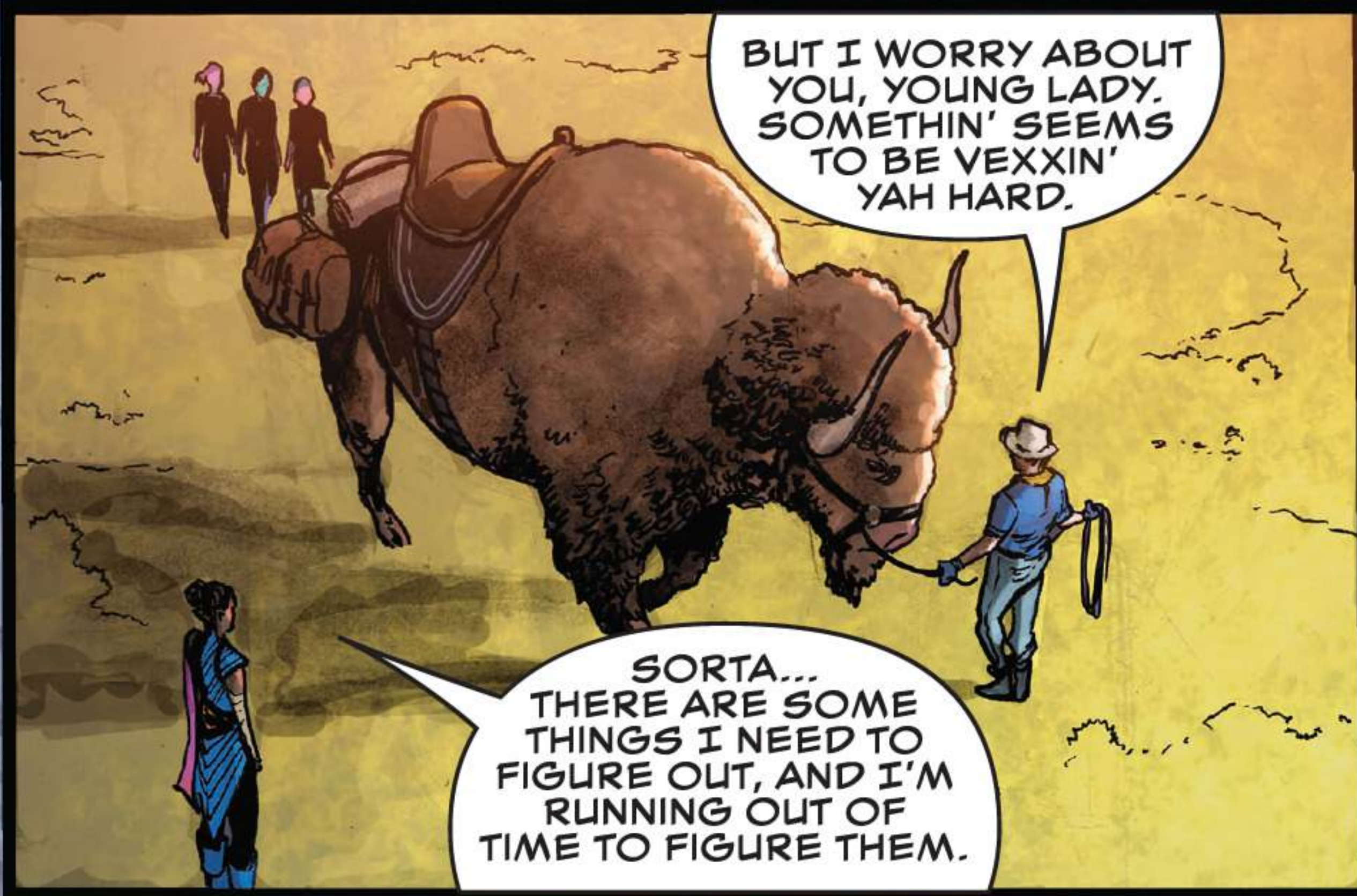




WAKANDA COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP BUILDING OUR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

'PPRECIATE THE OFFER, MADAM SHURI.

BUT I DONE A LOT OF MISDEEDS IN MY TIME. FIGURE I OUGHTA HEAD OUT YONDER AND FIND WAYS TO START MAKIN' AMENDS.



BUT I WORRY ABOUT YOU, YOUNG LADY. SOMETHIN' SEEMS TO BE VEXXIN' YAH HARD.

SORTA... THERE ARE SOME THINGS I NEED TO FIGURE OUT, AND I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO FIGURE THEM.



I'M IN NO POSITION TO GIVE ADVICE. KANARKNACK KNOWS I'VE MADE MY SHARE OF MISTAKES IN LIFE.

BUT WHAT I CAN TELL YAH IS WHEN LOST, IT'S BEST TO LET YER HEART BE YER GUIDE. IT TENDS TO KNOW THE WAY HOME.



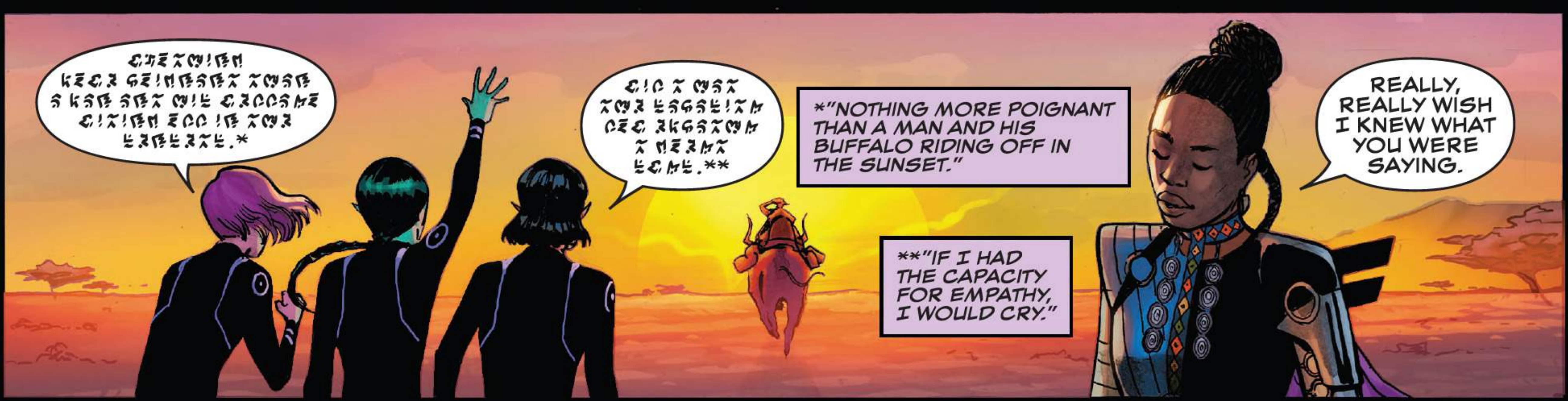
THAT'S... THAT'S SOME GOOD THINKING, SOLDIER.

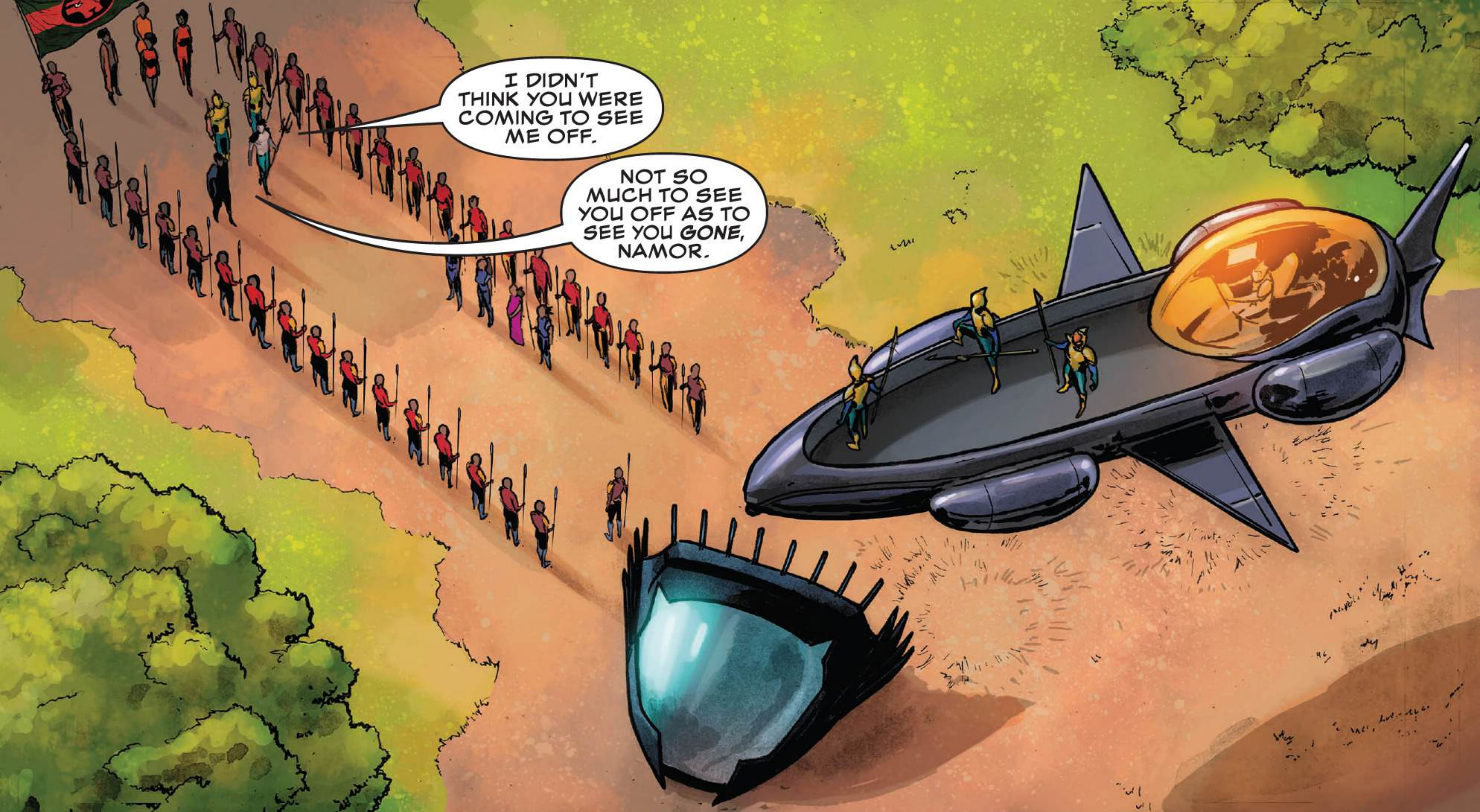
I OWE YOU MUCH, MA'AM. LET THAT BE THE FIRST DEPOSIT TOWARD A DEBT PAID.

BUT FOR NOW...



...I RIDE!





I DIDN'T
THINK YOU WERE
COMING TO SEE
ME OFF.

NOT SO
MUCH TO SEE
YOU OFF AS TO
SEE YOU GONE,
NAMOR.



WHY THE ANGER?
YOU SHOULD
BE JOYFUL.

ATLANTIS AND WAKANDA
COEXISTING PEACEFULLY FOR
THE GOOD OF HUMANITY. ALL
MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR
EXILE. WELL...SUCH IS THE
PRICE OF PEACE.



YOU'RE FOOLING
NO ONE. YOU CARE
AS LITTLE FOR **PEACE**
AS YOU DO FOR
HUMANKIND. IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME UNTIL
YOU DISPLAY YOUR
TRUE INTENTIONS.

AND
WHEN YOU
DO...



AND WOULDN'T THAT SUIT YOU--WERE
THIS ALL JUST A SCHEME, YOUR
PEOPLE WOULD BEG FOR THE
BLACK PANTHER TO RETURN
AND RESTORE YOU TO
THE THRONE.

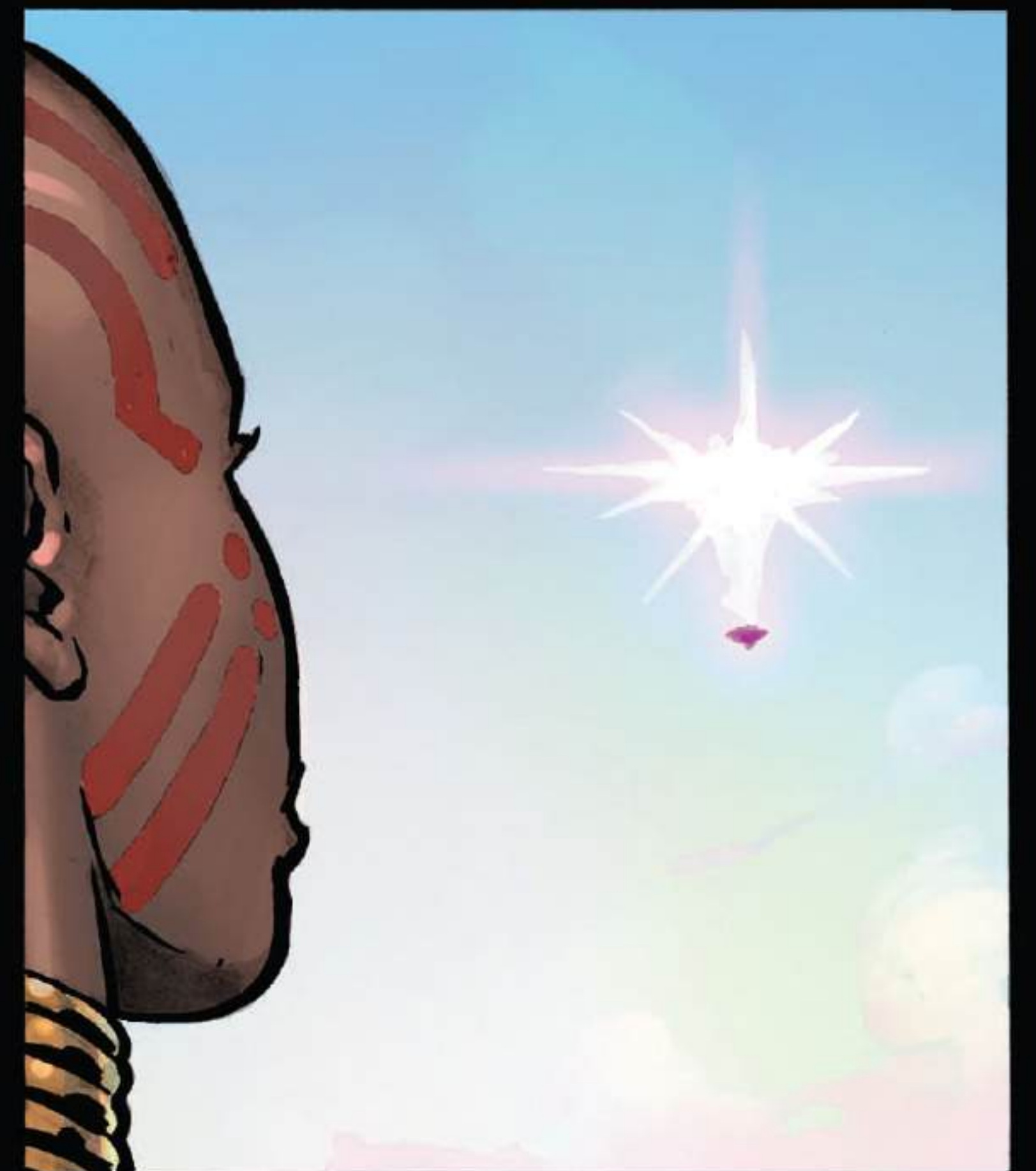
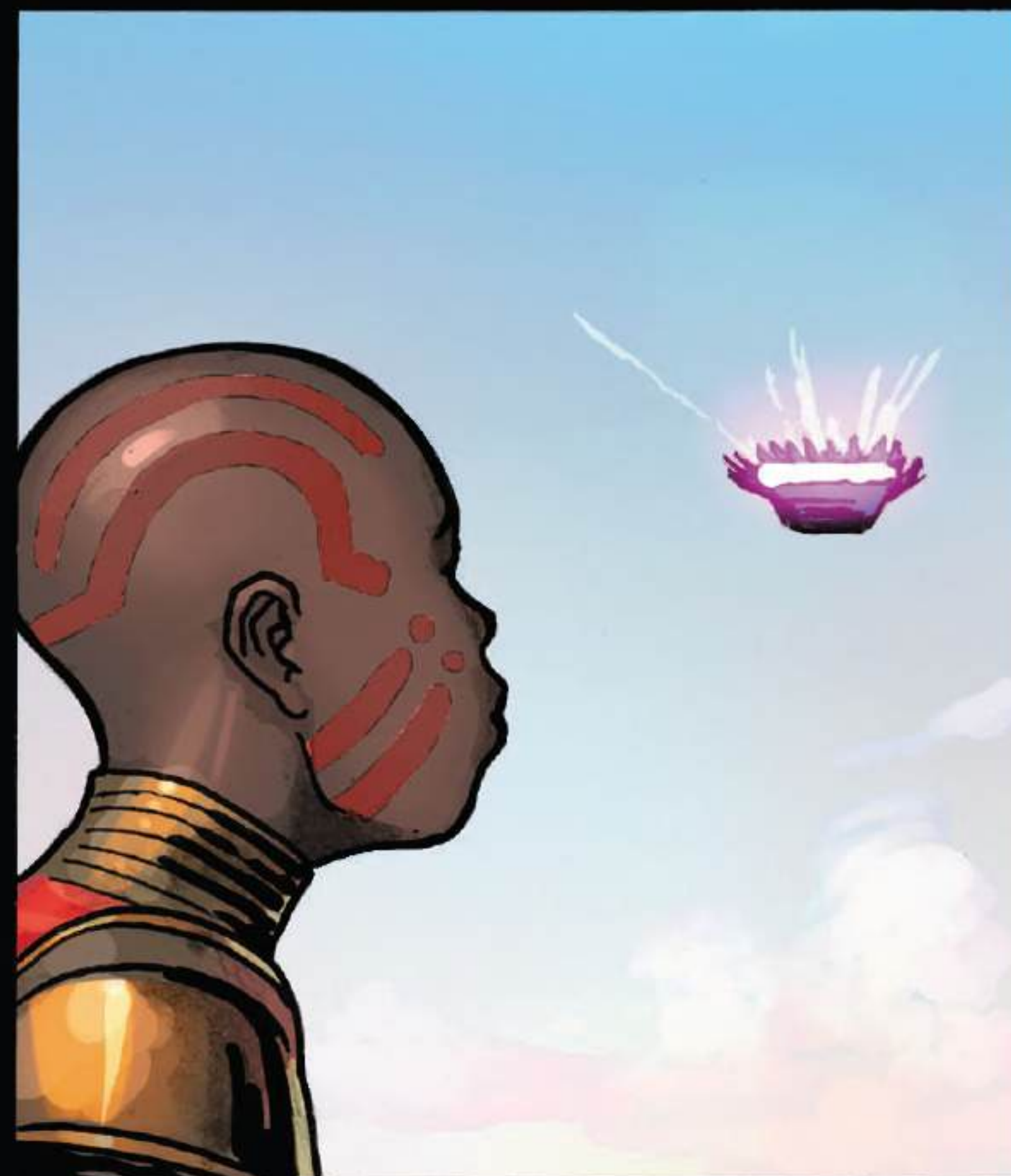
ALL THE
MORE REASON
FOR ME TO
ENSURE THERE
IS PEACE...



...SO YOU WILL
NOT SET FOOT IN
THE LAND OF YOUR
FOREFATHERS
EVER AGAIN.

TAKE THAT
WITH YOU AS YOU
GO: NAMOR IS
VICTORIOUS.







MOTHER...?

I'VE WATCHED
MY SON LEAVE ME
A THOUSAND TIMES,
BUT IT'S NEVER
FELT SO...

...SO
PERMANENT.

DON'T LOSE
HEART, MA'AM.
EVERYTHING T'CHALLA'S
DONE, THE GOOD, THE
BAD...IT'S BROUGHT US
ALL TO THIS MOMENT.
WE OWE IT TO HIM TO
MAKE THE MOST
OF IT.

AND THAT IS A
PROMISE UPON
WHICH WE WILL
DELIVER.

WELL, THAT
ALL SOUNDS
REAL GOOD,
BUT QUESTION
IS...

...NOW
WHAT?

HA!

MA'AM...?

ODD...
OR MAYBE IT'S
IRONIC. HE'S NOT
GONE ONLY A MOMENT,
AND I CAN'T HELP BUT
THINK OF T'CHALLA'S
WORDS.

NO MATTER
THE CIRCUMSTANCES
WE FACE, NO MATTER
THE CHALLENGES, WHEN WE
GO FORTH, WE WILL DO SO
STRONG IN OURSELVES.
NO HESITATING. NO
HOLDING BACK.

WHY SAVE
ANYTHING FOR
LATER?



WE
LIVE FOR
THIS.

END.

Fifteen months.

Over the last fifteen months, we got some work done in the pages of BLACK PANTHER. Built a conspiracy. Traveled the globe. Brought back old friends. Wrote in some young bloods. Complicated relationships. Dropped Omolola, Jhai, Folasade, Imani, the Buffalo Soldier and Tosin.

And closed out heavy on the idea that no matter all else that changes, Wakanda is forever.

Like I said, we did work. And we *all* deserve acknowledgement.

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John Ridley





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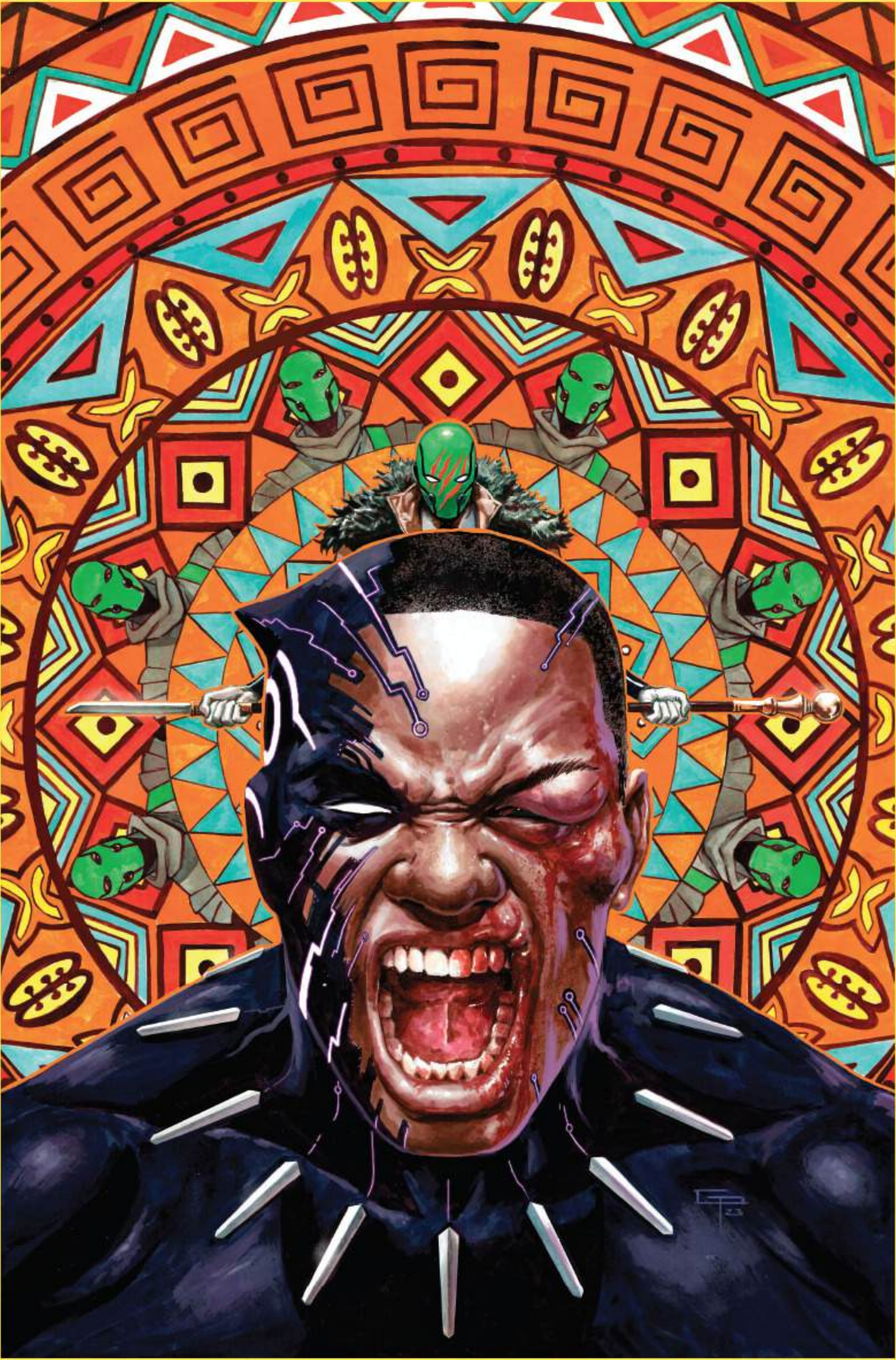
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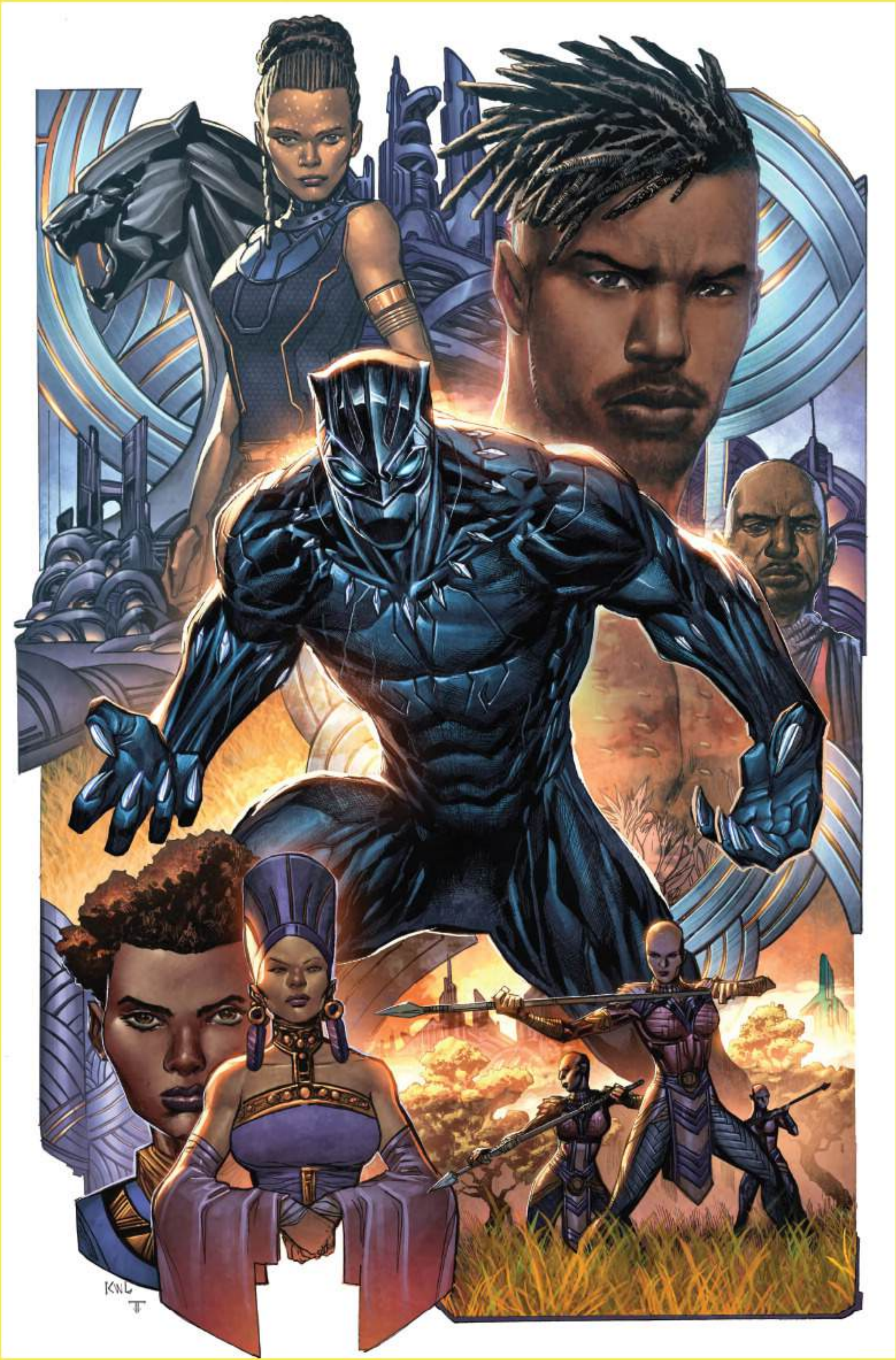
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